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# Dr Kissinger on verge of achieving greement over Sinai

issinger arrived back in idria last night amid signs is shuttle diplomacy was on rge of achieving the long- Sinai agreement between Israel and Egypt. One of President Sadat's officials said 90 per cent of the accord had been achieved. While in Jerusalem, the Secretary of State has been irritated by Israel "leaks" on details of the package.

## srael-Egypt troop lines settled

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den spurt in the nego- process today brought y Kissinger to the point e and Israel's leaders aim that an agreement ypt, at least on terri- sues, might be reached weekend.
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Secretary of State was back to Egypt a com- sive territorial formula ed by the Israel leaders, expected back here to- with the Egyptian draft hope of dovetailing the le apparently does not serious difficulties.
s been clarified, at least l's satisfaction, that the nto the United Nations one by Egyptian troops, which was yesterday stated to have been agreed as a *quid pro quo* for President Sadat's agreement to permit Israel to retain control of the Um Kusheiba early warning post near the Giddi pass, will not be in the central area near the passes.

There was friction briefly after last night's session when Mr Yigal Allon, Israel's Foreign Minister, claimed that the Egyptian advance would be to the south, extending for about two and a half miles long and a mile wide in the strip between Suez and the Ras Sudar. It would form the bottleneck of the land corridor to Abu Rodeis at a point where Egypt has asked for more breathing space.

This disclosure appeared to upset Dr Kissinger, who was heard to mutter: "I really don't feel I can be drawn into this discussion now."

Officials here claim that the agreement is no longer being called "interim" and, contrary to Cairo reports that it will go into effect immediately at the weekend, they expect a further two or three weeks will be needed for working out technical and legal problems. The draft would merely be initialled at the end of this week.

Only one third of the agreement is nearing conclusion—that which covers territorial issues between Israel and Egypt. The second part will be between the United States and Israel and will not be published, although it will be submitted to the United States Congress. It will include the Israel aid package and compensation for the Abu Rodeis oilfields.

The third part will be tripartite, between Egypt, the United States and Israel, and will include the principle of using American technicians in the Sinai early-warning stations, and the question of their numbers. This has already aroused the powerful opposition of leading Democrats such as Senator Henry Jackson and Senator Mike Mansfield.

It is expected that when the whole agreement is ready, teams from Israel and Egypt will meet face-to-face, in either Sinai or Geneva to sign it formally.

Officials in Jerusalem dispelled fears that the agreement would be linked to negotiating progress on the Syrian front. They insisted that it would stand on its own and would have no connexion with any other agreement that might be made.

Among prominent Labour Party members who have cast doubts on this issue is Mr Moshe Dayan, the former *Defence Minister, who has* indicated that he plans to vote against the agreement. Even so, only heavy defections or abstentions could endanger

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*ia accord: Dr Kissinger and President Sadat at a press conference.*

## MP criticizes decision not to grant bail

By Our Political Correspondent

An appeal for bail to be granted to Mr John Stonehouse, Labour MP for Walsall, North, and to the three people charged with damaging the Test wicket at Headingley, Leeds, was made yesterday by Mr David Steel, Liberal MP for Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles.

Mr Steel said the Labour Government was presiding over a new illiberalism, and adverse changes in public policy were being brought about by the actions of individual ministers, magistrates and policemen.

He was particularly concerned about four incidents. "Mr John Stonehouse, MP, is repeatedly being refused bail, when his trial may not be fixed for months", Mr Steel said. "Secondly, bail was also refused to those charged with spoiling the wicket at Headingley.

"One does not require any sympathy for the alleged misdeeds of either to recognize that there is in this country an important presumption of innocence until guilt is proven. As a Home Office working party reported last year, the same is supposed to apply to the granting of bail in favour of the defendant."

Bail should be refused only where there was reason to believe that the accused person would seek to evade the judicial process or act as a menace to others. "Magistrates should not refuse bail to people who may just be a nuisance to some ranks of the establishment, as would now seem to be happening."

Mr Steel was also concerned that Mr Silkin, the Attorney General, was reported to have authorized the prosecution of the publishers of a contact magazine for homosexuals. In the fourth incident, the Metropolitan Police seized homosexual magazines from two shops in London.

Mr Steel commented: "Non-pornographic and some semi-pornographic 'girlie' magazines are freely on sale at most bookstalls in a way that these *[homosexual] magazines* are not, and even the most reputable journals publish lonely hearts advertisements for heterosexuals seeking to find partners.

"In 1966, when Parliament passed the Sexual Offences Act, we did so largely on the assumption that in future the homosexual minority in our midst should be free from oppression, provided that, like heterosexuals, they were obliged to observe the generally accepted standards of public decency. These latest actions seem to be taking us back to the pre-1966 double standard."

Mr Steel found it disturbing that all that was going on when Parliament was in recess.

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## Mr Smith blames ANC for collapse of talks

From Nicholas Ashford
Victoria Falls, Aug 26

The constitutional talks between the Rhodesian Government and the African National Council collapsed today. Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, announced in Parliament this evening that no agreement had been reached as a result of yesterday's talks at *the Victoria Falls bridge.*

He blamed the ANC for the failure of the meeting, and said the Rhodesian Government now intended to hold a conference to which representatives from the Council of Chiefs and other African organizations would be invited, if they showed interest.

Mr Smith said the ANC had refused to abide by the Pretoria agreement which paved the way for yesterday's meeting. It had demanded that men living outside the country should be allowed to move freely in Rhodesia during the constitutional talks.

The ANC said it would accept the Pretoria agreement if this condition was granted, Mr Smith told Parliament. This was quite unacceptable to Rhodesia, he said.

"It would involve people who are well-known terrorist leaders who bear responsibility for the murders and other atrocities which have been perpetrated in this country. These men can only be compared with the leaders of the Baader Meinhof and Black September terrorist gangs."

Mr Smith, whose speech was greeted with applause, had warm praise for the part played by South Africa and Zambia in the Victoria Falls negotiations, and he said there was still hope of a negotiated settlement so long as talks were going on in Zambia.

He did not believe that South Africa and Zambia would allow themselves to be "diverted from the ideal of trying to settle our problems in this part of the world by peaceful means rather than killing one another".

The talks collapsed despite strenuous efforts by the Zambian and South African leaders to achieve a compromise. Mr Vorster, the South African Premier, and President Kaunda spent almost seven hours yesterday trying to bridge the gap between the ANC and the Rhodesians, but without success.

The two countries resumed their efforts to bring about a settlement today. Dr Hilgard Muller, the South African Foreign Minister, crossed the Zambesi river to Livingstone early this morning to carry on the discussions in place of Mr Vorster, who returned to Pretoria late last night.

President Kaunda shelved a plan to return to Lusaka in order to continue the talks.

Dr Muller is understood to have submitted to the ANC a number of amendments proposed by Mr Smith. However, these were rejected by the nationalists.

Livingstone, Zambia, Aug 26.—Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the ANC leader, said here today that any hopes of achieving a Rhodesia agreement "depends upon Mr Smith being very honest and frank and forthright.

"If Mr Smith cannot go with us on very small things like this [diplomatic immunity for ANC negotiators in Rhodesia], we think he cannot be serious. But *if he becomes serious* enough—as serious as we are—then there is a 90 per cent chance we are going to succeed."

Bishop Muzorewa accused the Rhodesian Government of starting the talks "in the usual bullying and harsh way. He [Mr Smith] wanted to finish everything in 30 minutes. The 30 minutes turned out to be 24 hours because we could not be moved or just pushed around".—Reuter.

Lusaka, Zambia, Aug 26.—President Kaunda confirmed here today that one major obstacle—the unhindered access into Rhodesia of banned African nationalist leaders—stood in the way of progress towards a settlement of the Rhodesia dispute.

"In my opinion", he told a news conference, "the ANC was quite right in demanding that Mr Smith should allow all the ANC representatives back home to be present at the talks when they start in Salisbury."

Diplomatic sources here say that South Africa will send an emissary to Lusaka, the Zambian capital tomorrow for further talks.

The sources said this was an indication of how strongly President Kaunda and Mr Vorster feel the situation must not be allowed to remain in stalemate.—Reuter and AP.

Pretoria, Aug 26.—Mr Vorster, the South African premier said here today that the Rhodesian talks had not reached deadlock, and he denied that they had failed.

He said that both he and President Kaunda "will continue our efforts to find a solution."

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## 'Jobs at risk if inflation not beaten'

Inflation, if not brought under control, will cause industrial collapse and national bankruptcy with companies closing and jobs being lost on a terrifying scale, not for a few months, but for ever. That is the message of a government pamphlet soon to be dropped through every letterbox in Britain. Mr Wilson makes it clear in a foreword that the Government rejected the policy of reducing public spending on housing, the social services and aid to industry because that would have created mass unemployment and would have been socially evil. The alternative was to reduce the rate of increase in wages and salaries

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*Ronald ("Buster") Edwards* (above), who was released on parole in April after serving nine years of a 15-year sentence for his part in the Great Train Robbery, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment yesterday after pleading guilty at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, to shoplifting at Harrods. He was granted bail pending his appeal against the sentence

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## Children's play under scrutiny

The Government has admitted that it does not know how much a subsidy for children's play facilities on council estates, begun in 1973, has cost. Mr Armstrong, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment, says in a letter to an MP that a monitoring system is being considered

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## Amin anger at Hills book

President Amin of Uganda has reacted angrily to extracts from a book by Mr Denis Hills, who was reprieved after being sentenced to death in Uganda. The extracts published in *The Sunday Telegraph*, were critical of the situation in Uganda. President Amin threatened to cancel plans for discussions on compensation for Britons whose property had been seized in Uganda, if the "malicious propaganda" continued

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## Many homes for old substandard

A quarter of the private nursing homes for the elderly and a sixth of the private old people's homes are below standard or unsatisfactory, a survey made for the Department of Health and Social Security says. Nevertheless most homes were *found to be good and to play an* important role

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## Hunger strike for Basques

*More than a hundred political* prisoners all over Spain have gone on hunger strike in protest against the trial of two Basque nationalists facing a death sentence. The two will appear before a military court tomorrow charged with shooting a policeman last year. If found guilty, they face execution by strangling

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## Italian prison is wrecked in riot

Italy's most modern prison, Rebibbia, in Rome, was wrecked in a 24-hour riot by prisoners demanding the immediate application of newly authorized prison reforms. After dropping teargas bombs on the roofs *1,000 police moved in to crush* the riot

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## Hobbs scores 100 in 44 minutes

*Robin Hobbs, the 33-year-old* Essex cricketer, scored 100 in 44 minutes against the Australians yesterday—the fastest century since an innings by Percy Fender in 1920 and the fifth fastest in first-class cricket history. Hobbs, primarily a leg spin bowler, punished the Australian spin bowlers, Mallett and Higgs. His second 50 came in 12 minutes from 15 balls

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## Automatic rail brake to stop 'suicide' drivers

By David Leigh

*Automatic safety systems are* to be installed on London Transport Underground stations and British Rail, to prevent such disasters as the Moorgate Tube crash last February, when 43 people died. All British Rail's main line terminals may be fitted with a new signalling system.

The government inquiry into the crash is expected to conclude that, although its cause may never be known, precautions must be taken against suicide by drivers.

The train was driven head-on into a brick wall at Moorgate, killing rush-hour passengers in the worst Tube accident.

After conflicting toxicological evidence on the significance of small amounts of alcohol in the driver's remains, the inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Leslie Newson and his passengers.

Despite that verdict, railway sources say the hypothesis cannot be excluded that driver Newson killed himself, possibly after first taking a drink for "Dutch courage". The alternative possibility is that he was affected by some medical condition.

Railway experts have concluded that drivers cannot be *relied on to stop trains at ter*minals. Despite the slowing of services that will be caused, dead-end Tube lines at the Aldwych and possibly the Elephant and Castle will have an automatic trip system.

Trains will be slowed by sensors in the track, which apply the brakes above a certain speed. In case a driver who has been slowed deliberately accelerates as he pulls into the platform, sensors will be incorporated in the middle *and at the end of the platform.* Delays at Aldwych, for example, are expected to be no more than 10 seconds.

At Moorgate, the entire City branch of the Northern Line is to be taken over by British Rail and resignalling is taking place.

Trains that will run a new electrified suburban service to Hertford and Welwyn Garden City have been designed with automatic stopping equipment, and will be slowed at Moorgate in the same way. For technical reasons, it is impossible to extend the length of the overrun *tunnel to provide a safety* margin.

Although London Transport initially felt that a slow-down system would delay service frequencies unacceptably, British Rail is not expected to operate the Great Northern suburban service at intervals of less than four minutes. That makes automatic checks technically possible.

But it is not proposed to extend such safeguards to every buffer stop in the system. Nor is it practicable to convert the whole Underground system to fully automatic operation, as on the Victoria Line.

A new signalling system may be introduced, however, at all main-line terminals. All resignalling will include the new system, but it is uncertain whether the British Railways Board will be able to afford extensive and prolonged immediate replacement of existing signals.

At present drivers entering a terminal pass a green signal, followed by the red light at buffer-stops. It is now proposed to integrate that with the colour-coded system, which replaced traditional semaphore signals.

A driver will have to pass a double yellow light and then a *single yellow before entering* the terminal. If he ignores either a warning will sound in the driver's cab and the brakes will be automatically applied when the approach speed is too high.

The official report into the *crash by the Chief Inspector of* Railways is not expected for some months: technical talks are understood to be continuing on the best way to carry out the new safety requirements, which are expected to be agreed before publication of the report.

## rtrait miniatures t to V & A

rts Reporter
est of portraits stated ll to be by celebrated miniaturists has been he Victoria and Albert by *Mrs Doris* n, who died in March state in England and lued at £1,504,860 net. are said to be by Hilliard, the first great miniaturist. They are I of England, an un- woman, dated 1602, een of Scots and I. The others, by iver, whose father, ver, was a pupil of are of Henry VIII, in ivory box, and of Queen of Bohemia, s Philippe, Duke of

The picture of the unknown woman by Hilliard (1547-1619) is inscribed "Videtur ut Vere est".

Mrs Herschorn, who formerly lived in London, died in Quebec. Her son-in-law, Mr Anthony Abrahams, an executor, said yesterday that he could not comment on the bequest: his fellow executor, Mr Hugh Sassoon, Mrs Herschorn's son, was in the United States.

Dr Roy Strong, director of the V & A, was also on leave and not available for comment, but the museum described the bequest as most welcome. It understood that the miniatures of Mary and Elizabeth were especially fine pieces.

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## North Sea security inadequate, MP says

By a Staff Reporter

Royal Navy divers ended their 19-hour search for bombs beneath three threatened Phillips Petroleum gas platforms in the North Sea yesterday after finding nothing. Production was quickly resumed.

But Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexleyheath and a leading critic of North Sea defence arrangements, said the crisis had proved them inadequate and that he would be raising the matter in the Commons. He was concerned at the eight-and-a-half-hour delay between the telephoned threat and the divers entering the water.

Lieutenant-Commander Christopher Beresford-Green, leader of the Royal Navy diving team from Rosyth, also gave a warning that the gas platforms and oil rigs were vulnerable to terrorist attacks, and a Phillips *executive expressed concern.*

The Government, which has ordered five new offshore patrol vessels to guard oil and gas installations, will now be under pressure to look again at security arrangements. The vessels, which cost £2.75m each, will not be in service until 1977.

The Royal Navy, however, is satisfied that the operation, which followed the bomb threat to the gas production platforms about 30 miles off Great Yarmouth on Monday, went according to plans made two-and-a-half years ago and frequently exercised.

Commander Beresford-Green said anyone "who really means business would find it possible to attach things to a leg. There is a certain amount one can do against attack by swimmers and divers and I shall be making my own recommendations to my senior officer on what could be done".

Mr William Russell Phillips, manager of the Phillips Petroleum Yarmouth operation, said: "We are *concerned about* our gas production platforms being vulnerable. The British Government is concerned also."

The Government's attitude is that security is the responsibility first of the industry, and then of the police.

Before any *action is taken the* police are obliged to ask for aid to the civil power from the Home Office, which can then ask the Ministry of Defence for assistance.

Those procedures were described yesterday as hopelessly *inadequate by Mr Townsend. He* is pressing for Flag Officer, Scotland, Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup, to be made responsible for the security of North Sea platforms, with a senior police officer on his staff.

HMS Reward and HMS Jura, which guard the installations, are regarded as "dead-beat tugs" by Mr Townsend. The Navy points out, however, that warships are constantly routed through the area to provide "a presence and a deterrent". A team of Royal Marine commandos at Arbroath was available to thwart an attack.

## calves pressure eases

Aug 26.—General ngalves, the Prime net his Cabinet today rent attempt to show that he was still in

entral town of Leiria, ain began gathering e Communist Party's rs where troops fired anti-communist mob , killing one man and 10 others.
inet session came as or General Gonçalves eased after support for him came from President Costa Gomes.

Politicians said the President's move gave the pro-communist Prime Minister a breathing space in Portugal's political crisis, but doubted whether it would halt the opposition to him for very long.

A British Independent Television crew of three held last night by Portuguese military authorities have been released unharmed. They were held for several hours at the headquarters of the general staff's Fifth Division, a unit close to the communist faction.—UPI and Agence France-Presse.

## versity strike may mar British Association meeting

Parker
ans at the Surrey where the annual the British Associa- the Advancement of gins today, came out yesterday as part of paign to be paid a a allowance for work- dford.
50 technicians, mem- the Association of Technical and Mana- s, have been holding stoppages at the since May. They sterday to set up a and night during the Another hundred employed on the not involved.
*ersity said the strike,* the eve of the con- as causing all sorts ies but it was hoped the conference would go on as planned. The strike is expected to cause difficulty because of the shortage of projectionists and slide operators needed for many of the 320 papers being delivered during the week-long discussions.

The technicians, the university said, were trying to win a test case to show that because of local conditions they were entitled to a special allowance of up to £180 a year, in line with some other people employed in Guildford. The union was also trying to fight the claim on a national basis by calling in the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, although local machinery for resolving disputes had not been fully used.

In June the university had offered to meet the union to discuss the claim, which was then supported by two other non-teaching unions, on condition that industrial action ceased. But a day later the technicians resumed a picket, and discussions were called off. "We simply refuse to give into blackmail", the university said. Top technicians were paid more than some lecturers.

There are 15 sections in the British Association meeting, and a special one-day symposium is being held under the chairmanship of Sir Bernard Lovell, president, on the work and policies of the country's five research councils. As the aim of the association, founded in 1831, is to stimulate scientific inquiry and promote research in the interest of the nation this symposium is felt to be especially relevant.

The heads of the research councils will take part and examples of the councils' work will be given. The five are: Agricultural Research Council; Medical Research Council; Natural Environment Research Council; Science Research Council and Social Science Research Council.

Two other symposia are to be held, one on privacy, the other on housing. A public lecture on the forecasting of weather and *climate is being given, and there* will be a brains trust in the Civic Hall, Guildford, on Sunday, when a panel will answer questions from young scientists and the audience.

Lectures designed to give research scientists the opportunity to report on the nature and significance of their work are also announced.

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# Government call to end wage inflation or lose jobs for ever

By Our Political Staff

"There is no real argument over what we as a nation, have to do" Mr Harold Wilson writes in his preface to the Government's pamphlet on its counter inflation policy, published today. "We all know that we must beat inflation before it beats us".

About 21,500,000 copies of the 16-page pamphlet, *Attack on Inflation: A policy for Survival*, will be delivered to households in the week beginning September 1. There will be an edition in Welsh available through libraries and local authority offices, and in five Asian languages for special distribution.

The pamphlet makes clear the choice that faced the Government. It states:

"The Government rejected the policy of tackling inflation by making massive immediate cuts in government expenditure on housing, the social services, and aid to industry. This would have created mass unemployment. That line was rejected because it could have been socially evil, and because it would have set back our chances of economic recovery through industrial growth. There was only one alternative: to tackle inflation by reducing our rate of increase in wages and salaries."

Although Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, has said that the TUC regards the £6 a week as an entitlement and not as a maximum, the pamphlet emphasizes that it is the upper limit. "Some employers may not be able to pay it.

"Inflation, if not brought under control, means industrial collapse and national bankruptcy. At home, it means firms closing down because soaring costs would make it impossible for them to survive. It means jobs lost on a terrifying scale. Lost not only for a few months, but for ever.

"Abroad, it means our creditors turning off the taps. It means loss of confidence in the pound, and in Britain's ability to recover. It means the destruction of our ability to buy from abroad the materials and goods we need to keep industry going. So more factories and offices would close down. Many more jobs would be lost, lost for ever. . . ."

Unemployment, it continues, is already very serious and growing. The attack on inflation is the essential way to check the rise in unemployment and to avert the threat of millions indefinitely out of work, and young people unable to start their working lives. The policy is voluntary and depends on public consent.

"There are no provisions for prosecuting trade unionists who break the limit of wage increases. Any employer who broke the limit would not be allowed to pass the cost on by raising prices. If there are determined attempts to get round the policy the Government will be prepared to use further powers. The Government hopes that this will not be necessary. A democracy works best when it relies on pedsuasion and consent."

# Sao Tome call for EEC trade aid

From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels, Aug 26

Sao Tome, the former Portuguese colony off the west coast of Africa, has become the first newly independent state to apply to join the Lome convention, the trade, aid and cooperation agreement which links the EEC with 46 developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

The move by Mr Miguel Trovada, Prime Minister of Sao Tome, was made in a note to the European Commission in Brussels and has been welcomed by M Claude Cheysson, the Commissioner in charge of the Community's development aid policy.

The Lome convention, signed in the capital of Togo in February, offers developing nations almost free trade in industrial and agricultural products, as well as financial aid through grants, loans and a scheme designed to guarantee export earnings in lean years.

## Commonwealth skills register

Georgetown, Aug 25.—Mr Antony Tasker, the managing director of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, has told reporters that a meeting of the board of representatives has been called to discuss a greater use of the skills available in the developing countries of the Commonwealth.

In matters of education and training, which is part of the fund's programme, the Commonwealth had until now totally neglected the skills as well as the facilities in the developing countries, he said. The fund would take up a proposal by Trinidad and Tobago that a register should be compiled of skilled persons who had left the Caribbean for developed countries.

## British potholers claim record

Pau, Aug 26.—Two British potholers have claimed a new world record by descending to a depth of 4,363ft near Pau in south-western France, officials said.

The two men, both from the Bristol Exploration Club, signalled to the surface that they reached this depth yesterday. The previous record was set at the same place by a French team from Tarbes on August 10, who descended to 4,166ft. —Reuter.

One establishment in five found to be of a low standard or unsatisfactory

# Important role of private homes for elderly

By Diana Geddes

One private nursing home in four for the elderly and nearly one private old people's home in six are of a low standard, and some are so unsatisfactory as to be unsuitable for use.

That is shown in a survey, published yesterday, of more than 250 establishments for the elderly in London and Bristol. It was carried out over a period of 12 months by qualified nursing staff of the Elderly Invalids Fund for the Department of Health and Social Security.

Despite the number of low-standard establishments, the fund believes its report will reassure those worried about letting aged parents or relatives go into private nursing or old people's homes. Most homes were found to be good and to play an important part in the care of the elderly.

Of the 83 nursing homes for elderly chronically sick patients visited by the EIF, three-quarters were considered good. They provided good nursing care, sometimes under difficulties, and showed patience, kindness and consideration for their patients. The homes were found to be comfortably furnished, with a good general appearance outside and inside. Most had pleasant, well kept gardens.

But the standard at a fifth of them was considerably below that of the others, the fund says. "While the actual nursing may be satisfactory, the staff seem to lack patience and understanding and even interest. As this applies to the matrons as well as the staff, there seems little likelihood of any improvement. The buildings are gloomy and in need of redecoration. . . ."

Four other homes were described as unsatisfactory, being oppressive and dark, in need of redecoration and without adequate care. "Under no circumstances should they be suggested to any inquirer", the fund says.

Of the 184 private registered old people's homes visited by the fund, 156 were found to be giving the care their residents need, and five of them provided what could be considered luxury.

Twenty-three homes were found to be of a considerably lower standard, and five others were described as unsatisfactory, appearing dirty, unfriendly and cold.

Fees seemed to give little indication of the standard of the home. For nursing homes they ranged from £35 a week for a shared room to £150 a week for a single, and for old people's homes from £20 to £100 a week.

In England there are about 1,060 registered nursing homes for the elderly, providing nearly 25,000 beds, and 1,800 private registered old people's homes, with about 24,000 places.

The fund says it believes that the position in London and Bristol disclosed in the survey is representative of the country as a whole.

*Nursing Homes for Elderly People and Old Persons' Homes* (Elderly Invalids Fund, 10 Fleet Street, London, EC4. 25p).

# Parents to save girls' hi school

An eleventh-hou parents to preven girls' grammar sc fordshire from g hensive on Septe in the High Court

Mr Justice Oliv grant the parents order stopping t Trent Girls' High 550 pupils, from porated into a complex.

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Scrutineers from the National Union of Mineworkers watching as the NUM ballot on pay policy is counted at the Electoral Reform Society.

# Holidays to cost more despite record profits

By John Carter

Package holidays abroad will cost more in 1976 in spite of record profits by all the tour operating companies this year. Thomson Holidays is to put up its prices by about 18 per cent, Mr Roger Davies, the company's marketing director, announced yesterday.

Mr Davies said the increase would be in real terms, unlike this summer, when the rising cost of living totally absorbed the increases.

The 1975 profits might tempt some tour companies to increase their offerings next year, "but I am hopeful that the events of last year will have had a powerful enough impact to get into the thickest of tour operators' minds".

Mr Davies said, referring to the Court Line collapse.

This year had been a bad one for the industry because of overbooking but he predicted: "If the Government's £6 limit works then we cannot expect many newcomers into the market. But sterling will strengthen and package holidays will be a good buy. The Government and the travel industry have introduced many safeguards to protect holiday-makers' money but there are still too many loopholes."

The company's programme for next summer anticipates a 5 per cent growth in the number of holidaymakers. One of the trends observed by retail travel agents, Mr Davies said, was that people were paying for holidays from their savings. "I have had reports from travel agents that people have been paying with building society cheques."

Thomson's has dropped Cyprus from its programme and considerably reduced the number of holidays to Portugal. A company official confirmed that the programme of winter holidays to Portugal has been cut also. Mr Francis Higgins, Thomson's managing director, told me recently that if Portugal did badly it might not be featured in the company's next winter holiday programme.

# Some telephone call fees to be held pending talks

By Our Business News Staff

The Post Office has agreed not to raise charges for local calls made through the operator on STD exchanges, pending discussions with the Post Office Users' National Council.

Lord Peddie, chairman of the council, welcomed the decision yesterday. In its report on increased tariffs earlier this month the council said that those particular increases would provoke public bitterness.

The Post Office proposals would have raised operator-connected local calls from a coinbox to 14p for the basic three minutes and from an ordinary telephone to 12p.

At present local calls from STD exchanges connected by the operator are 4p for three minutes from a coinbox, and two charge units (equivalent to 3.6p) for various periods from ordinary lines. From October 1, and until the Post Office has completed its review, charges will be held at 4p for three minutes and 6p (the new rate for two charge units).

An intolerable situation would have been created if the corporation had gone ahead, the users' council said. There had been continuous public complaint since the last increase, in April. That rise, to 4p for three minutes, meant that anyone who inserted 2p in a coinbox for a dialled local call and then failed to get through was asked to put in a further 2p before connexion.

**Protest:** Mr Thomas King, Opposition spokesman on the Post Office, says in a letter to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry that the announcement late on Friday before the Bank holiday and in the middle of the parliamentary recess showed the Government's wish to avoid publicity for its approval of the new charges.

# Timman beats Adorjan in chess game

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

The centrepiece of round nine in the London International chess tournament at the West Central Hotel yesterday was a game which Timman won in grandmaster style against the leader, Adorjan. He sacrificed a rook for a bishop to obtain an impressive pawn chain, and finished the game with a combination that was as neat as it was effective.

As Miles appeared to be winning easily against Sax, it looked as if the junior world champion would lead when play in round nine finished. But he did not find the best line during a complicated middle game, and when it was adjourned Sax was not without real counterchances. The scores are:

Adorjan and Timman 5½. Miles 5 and one adjourned: Sax 4½ and one adjourned: Nunn 4½. Webb 4. Horner 3½ and one adjourned: Basman and Pritchett 3½: Sigurjonsson 2½ and one adjourned, Fuller 1.

Results, round nine: Timman 1, Adorjan 0: Nunn 1, Pritchett 0: Sigurjonsson adjourned against Horner: Sax adjourned against Miles: Basman 1, Webb 0. Fuller had the bye.

## Strike delays flights

Loaders at Heathrow airport, London, staged a one-hour protest strike yesterday after a pilot had started his engines too soon and blew two containers on to the loading crew. The strike caused delays in British Airways overseas flights.

## Shetland phones cut off

Telephone and telex services between Shetland and the Scottish mainland were cut off yesterday by a break in the main underwater cable.

# Homeless men who break law hard to help

Homeless men who break the law are almost impossible to help, according to a Home Office survey published today. The survey *Homeless offenders in Liverpool*, says such men create an intractable difficulty for probation officers.

Fewer than a third of a sample of 153 offenders were recommended for probation, although most offences were trivial. The officer found it difficult to make realistic recommendations because homelessness is an obstacle to supervision in the community.

A follow-up 12 months after the court appearance suggested that where homelessness had been a serious difficulty it often remained unresolved. Thirty of the 50 men put on probation remained homeless during the 12-month period.

Nearly half of a sample of 119 homeless former prisoners studied were assessed as hopeless cases, and contact was lost with three-quarters within a month of their release.

# Potato shortage warning after droug

Much of Britain's potato crop is suffering from drought, the Ministry of Agriculture said in its weekly harvest report yesterday. That means that every dry day now will increase the inevitable shortage of home-grown potatoes in the spring.

The ministry said the eastern half of the country, where most potatoes are grown, has seen little of recent rains. "Tubers are small and some secondary growth is occurring in areas where there has been some rainfall. Blight has been reported in several fields in Lancashire and Humberside."

The Potato Marketing Board said that where there had been rain the crop was looking better and yields should improve. In Lincolnshire, however, the most important growing area, where there had been very little rain, the average yield was only about seven tons an acre, compared with a normal of about 12 tons.

"The more fine days we have, the less good the rain will do when it comes", the board said.

The early potato crop was down to three and a half tons an acre, half the normal seven tons. Because growers had been getting prices of more than £100 a ton, some second and main crops had been harvested to make up the shortage, further reducing prospects for winter and spring supplies.

The board had relaxed rules to allow smaller potatoes to be that is equal to extra ton an acre.

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# Davis supporters fined

Three east London men who daubed "Davis is innocent" on the Central Criminal Court were each fined £10 yesterday and ordered to pay £50 each to restore the building.

Daniel Smale, aged 29, of Shepperd Street, Bow; Daniel Skinsley, aged 29, of St Paul's Drive, Stratford; and William Long, aged 35, of Forest Farm, Barkingside, all unemployed, pleaded guilty at Guildhall Justice-room to charges under the Criminal Damage Act.

Mr Long told the magistrates: "It was something we felt very strongly about and it was the only way to get it in the public's view, to bring attention to the case."

After the hearing, they said they were not part of the campaign to free George Davis, who is serving 20 years for armed robbery, but had decided to do it on their own.

## Divers to skill certifi

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# Mine rescuers had to work without plans

A National Coal Board official told an inquiry at Barnsley yesterday that he sent rescuers into Houghton Main colliery without detailed plans after an explosion that killed five men in June because lives were at stake. Mr Oscar Wright, superintendent of mine rescue teams at Doncaster said he by-passed mine regulations. The lack of plans did not affect rescue operations.

Mr Wright said he had sent men underground as soon as he arrived at the pit. Plans were not immediately available—they were supplied four hours later—but the rescuers went down with an overman who knew the district.

Questioned by Mr Arthur Scargill, leader of the Yorkshire miners, Mr Wright agreed that a regulation specified that rescue men had to be provided with plans before going into unknown mines. He continued: "I was aware that men's lives were at stake and I was confident that the rescue teams were capable of going in there even without the plans. Mr Scargill suggests that I ought to have kept rescue men back until I had correct plans. Had I waited until I obtained correct plans I would have felt remiss in my duties for doing so."

Asked why plans were not available immediately, Mr Wright said that there was a misunderstanding about the exact location of the explosion. He assumed that it was in the Newhill seam, and they could not find plans of that. It was later discovered that the blast was in another seam.

Earlier a pit deputy who led two miners to safety was praised. Mr Ian Lee, aged 42, of Tempest Avenue, Darfield, near Barnsley, said that he led the men towards the centre of the mine. They wanted to go the other way, towards the main shaft, but he ordered otherwise.

Mr Lee described how he linked up with the two after the explosion. The place was filled with thick dust and they joined up by shouting. "They were rather shaken, sweaty, wet through, eating dust and rather panicky", he said. "I told them to calm down, give it a minute and think it over."

"I ordered them out of the pit my way, the way I had come. I said three out of nine is better than none of nine. Common sense prevailed."

Asked by Mr Scargill whether he thought there should have been further investigation, Mr Lee replied: "I thought the immediate thing was to get out. These lads were in no fit state nor was I, to go further investigating in any way."

Mr Scargill: When you were aware of two survivors travelling a considerable distance, even though conditions were dusty, did it not occur to you to investigate to see whether there were any more survivors?

Mr Lee: No. I thought three out of nine was a good average. I was not going to lose these three, including myself, sir.

Mr William Forrest, for the National Coal Board, told Mr Lee: "To go inbye (towards the centre of the mine) was a very commendable thing."

Mr John Brass, for the British Association of Colliery Management, also commended Mr Lee.

Mr Roy Buckley, aged 28, a face worker, of Darfield, who left the mine after the explosion with Mr Lee, complained of his treatment after he reached the surface. "I was disgusted by the way in which I was looked after", he said.

It was more than an hour before he was seen by anyone from the coal board management although he was being tended by a nurse. There had been news flashes on television about the accident, saying that men were involved. "My wife knew I was in the pit but she was not told that I was OK until I walked up the garden path."

Mr Fred Wilks, aged 42, captain of the first rescue team, said that he had never before been on a job without the rescue plans.

The inquiry continues today.

## Train robber sentenced for shoplifting

By a Staff Reporter

Ronald ("Buster") Edwards, the train robber who was released on parole less than five months ago, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment yesterday for shoplifting. He was released on £500 bail after his lawyers had served notice of appeal.

Mr Edwards, aged 44, who has run a flower stall at Waterloo station since his parole in April, pleaded guilty to stealing four women's shirts, a pair of pliers and two packets of staples from Harrods, valued altogether at £65.76.

The court was told that when he was stopped by a woman store detective he hit her in the face with a bag, knocking her over, but was restrained by an American tourist.

The case will be considered by the parole board once the appeal has been heard and it will make a recommendation to the Home Secretary on how it should affect his parole. Mr Edwards's earliest possible date of release with allowance for good behaviour remission would have been in November, 1976, if it had not been for parole.

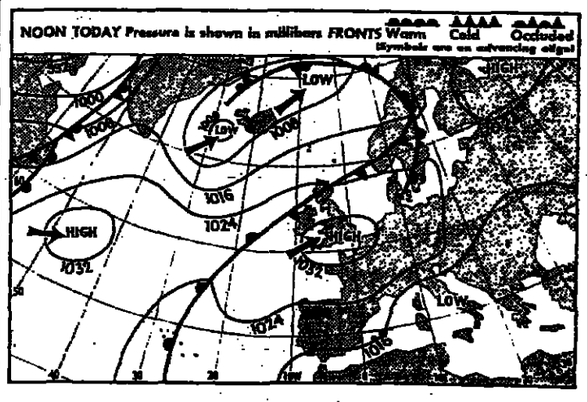
Mr James Bullen, for the prosecution, said that on July 19 Mr Edwards was seen to place the shirts in a Harrod's bag and made no attempt to pay for them.

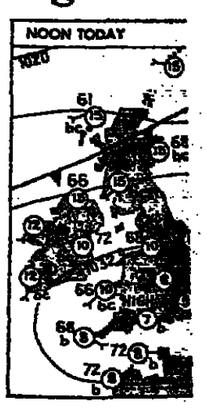
He said: "Yes, I know", to the store detective when she stopped him, and then hit her in the face. Later he said: "I am sorry if I hurt her. I did not mean to. I was just trying to get away."

The court was told that in November, 1966, Mr Edwards had been found guilty of conspiracy to rob a mail train and of robbery with others, for which he received concurrent sentences of 12 years and 15 years.

Mr Anthony Tibber, for the defence, asked for the case to be considered as an isolated slip by a man who was trying hard to rehabilitate himself after a long term in prison.

# Weather forecast and recordings




## Today

Sun rises: 6.4 am. Sun sets: 8.0 pm

Moon sets: 12.7 pm. Moon rises: 9.43 pm

Last Quarter: August 30.

Lighting up: 8.30 pm to 5.36 am.

High water: London Bridge, 5.43 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 5.53 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Avonmouth, 10.54 am, 11.8m (38.8ft); 11.7 pm, 11.6m (38.0ft). Dover, 2.42 am, 6.2m (20.2ft); 2.56 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Hull, 9.45 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 10.15 pm, 6.6m (21.5ft). Liverpool, 2.47 am, 8.7m (28.4ft); 3.4 pm, 8.3m (27.3ft).

An anti-cyclone is centred on S England.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands: Early fog patches, then sunny periods; wind variable, light; max temp 25°C (77°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Variable cloud, sunny spells; wind W, light; max temp 22°C (72°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny spells, coastal mist patches; wind variable, light; max temp 23°C (73°F), cooler on coasts.

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Variable cloud, coastal fog; wind W, light; max temp 22°C (72°F), cooler on coasts.

Argyll, NW Scotland: Rather cloudy, coastal drizzle; wind W, moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Variable cloud, bright intervals; wind W, moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Little change.

## Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 26°C (79°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 14°C (57°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 44 per cent. Rain 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr 12.9 hr. Bar, mean sea le 1,029.1 millibars, steady 1,000 millibars = 29.53i

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| Cromer | 12.1 | — | 19 | 66 |
| Clacton | 12.5 | — | 21 | 70 |
| Margate | 12.1 | — | 20 | 68 |
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| Hastings | 12.1 | — | 21 | 70 |
| Eastbourne | 11 | — | 20 | 68 |
| Brighton | 12.5 | — | 23 | 73 |
| Worthing | 12.8 | — | 20 | 68 |
| Bognor R | 11.6 | — | 21 | 70 |
| Southsea | 12.7 | — | 22 | 72 |
| Swanage | 11.7 | — | 21 | 70 |
| Bournemouth | 12.2 | — | 20 | 68 |
| Exmouth | 11.1 | — | 23 | 73 |
| Torquay | 11.5 | — | 21 | 70 |
| W COAST | | | | |
| Morecambe | 1.0 | — | 20 | 68 |
| Blackpool | 1.4 | — | 20 | 68 |

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 2.40; France, Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 4 Luxembourg, Lf 20; Morocco, Malta, 8c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Kr 3.75; Switzerland, Sfr 2.5 Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, 10

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# Hope wanes for Ulster power-sharing talks as pressure mounts for new Government move

From Christopher Walker

Belfast

The Government will be under pressure during the next few weeks to offer a new initiative for Northern Ireland now that Roman Catholic and Protestant politicians appear unable to agree about the structure of a regional government.

Yesterday, for the second time, private inter-party talks seeking a compromise on power-sharing were adjourned after only an hour and a half, with no indication of progress.

Although they are to be reconvened today after a document outlining the "loyalists" rejection of power-sharing at Cabinet level has been examined by the Social Democratic and Labour Party, neither side believes the gap can be bridged.

After yesterday's widely predicted adjournment a prominent member of the largely Roman Catholic SDLP told me: "There is no chance of any agreement now. All that is going on up there at the moment is window-dressing to avoid a complete breakdown."

Both delegations have agreed to air their differences in a dignified manner and issue all statements through the Convention's press office. But it is understood that there has been no realistic negotiation. Both sides retain the opposed positions set out in the election manifestos in April.

The British Government has given no indication of the policy it intends to adopt if the convention fails. Since the Convention was established, Mr Rees has always refused to discuss his attitude to the options that might arise if it should fail. Yesterday, after a security meeting with Sir James Flanagan, the chief constable, and Lieutenant-General Sir Peter House, the new GOC, which discussed the rise in sectarian violence, he referred obliquely to the possibility of failure.

He repeated assurances that he would be prepared to extend the Convention beyond November 8, when its initial six-month life ends. "Whatever the outcome of the Convention, Northern Ireland will continue to be governed with full accountability to the United Kingdom Parliament", he added.

During the day, Mr Rees released six more suspected members of the Provisional IRA from detention. Protestant politicians, however, are campaigning against the Government's security policy.

Later today 14 members of the Vanguard Convention Party are to meet Mr Rees and add their complaints to those already made about his alleged "soft line" towards republican areas and IRA members.

One of the first public indications of the growing anxiety in Dublin about the worsening Ulster situation came yesterday in a statement from Mr Ruari Brugha, the opposition Fianna Fail spokesman on the North.

He called on the British Government to appeal for United Nations help with the violence. He said United Nations personnel could be used to disarm paramilitary groups in the province.

The killing of two Roman Catholics near the border on Sunday night by extremists posing as an army patrol has caused widespread concern. As an immediate response, the Army has advised everyone in south Armagh to stay off the roads at night and drive only on main roads.

In some quarters the Army's statement has been seen as tantamount to admitting that there is little it can do to enable citizens travelling in remote areas to distinguish between genuine and fake road-blocks. But it was announced from Stormont later that the GOC would personally investigate Sunday's incident with a view to countering the technique of terrorists posing as soldiers.

Convention resignation: Mr Kennedy Lindsay, a Convention member, has resigned because of the "dealings of the West-minster Government with the IRA" (the Press Association reports).

He said: "A devolved parliament would be unable either to safeguard the frontiers of Northern Ireland or to evolve suitable economic, social and other policies", and called for a "Dominion of Ulster" on the lines of Canada.

Yesterday, a Roman Catholic lorry driver's mate was seriously injured by two masked gunmen in Belfast.

## Mr de Valera weak

Mr de Valera, aged 92, former President of the Irish Republic, was last night still weak, very comfortable and very happy, in the nursing home near Dublin where he is recovering from a cold.

## River search for sailor

Thames police searched the river last night for a sailor, presumed drowned, who fell in near Tower Bridge as he was joining HMS Thames.

## WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY

c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fl, fine; h, haze; hu, humid; m, mist; o, overcast; r, rain; s, sun.

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| Belfast | c | 21 | 70 | Florence | s | 30 | 86 | Majorca | s | 28 | 82 |
| Berlin | s | 22 | 72 | Funchal | s | 24 | 75 | Malaga | s | 34 | 93 |
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| Biarritz | c | 20 | 68 | Gibraltar | s | 28 | 82 | Manchstr | c | 20 | 68 |
| Birmingham | c | 23 | 73 | Guernsey | c | 21 | 70 | Miami | s | 31 | 88 |
| Bristol | c | 20 | 68 | Helsinki | s | 15 | 59 | Montreal | s | 27 | 81 |
| Brussels | s | 23 | 73 | Innsbruck | s | 25 | 77 | Moscow | s | 20 | 68 |
| Budapest | s | 23 | 73 | Istanbul | s | 28 | 82 | Munich | s | 26 | 79 |
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| New York | c | 32 | 90 | Rhodes | s | 32 | 90 |
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| Nicosia | s | 34 | 93 | Stockholm | s | 18 | 64 |
| Oslo | s | 20 | 68 | Tel Aviv | s | 32 | 90 |
| Paris | s | 26 | 79 | Toronto | s | 25 | 77 |
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HOME NEWS

# Parents to save girls' h... school

# ...overnment may study ...fect of subsidy ... help child's play

...t Healy,
... Services Correspondent
... Government is consider... system to monitor the ... of a subsidy, introduced ... years ago, to help councils ...vide children's play facil... on housing estates. The ... comes after an admission ...he Department of the ...onment that it has no ...nation about how the sub... being used.
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... records provided the ... for calculations on the ... permitted allowances on ...bsidies for play facilities, ...Armstrong said. But no ...calculation had been made ... "in view of the time and ... involved".
... the department is willing ...ke the time and make the ... if an MP asks for the ...s of the subsidy in his ... Mr Kilroy-Silk asked how ... had been received in sub... in four local authority ... included in his constitu... The answer was none.
... Armstrong said in his ... that present records did ... provide a basis for finding ...how many local authorities ... applied for subsidies for ... spaces or how many appli... has been rejected. But it ...d be fairly easy to arrange ...llect data systematically on ... proposals, and that would ... some guide to how many ...orities were taking advan... of the subsidy.

But such arrangements would not cover schemes for providing play facilities on existing estates, which would also attract subsidy. Nor, Mr Armstrong said, would it be possible to discover why some schemes did not continue to the tender stage without introducing new returns from local authorities.

Mr Armstrong wrote:
The main point to remember is that on both new and existing estates the subsidy is one which local authorities are entitled to receive. It is a good thing that we have been prompted by your questions to look into all this again, and as a result we are trying to find the simplest way of monitoring progress more effectively than we have done up to now.

Mr Kilroy-Silk said that it was extraordinary that a subsidy could be introduced without any steps being taken to monitor its effects. The Government had admitted that it had no idea how much had been paid out, whether local authorities were aware of the existence of the subsidy, or whether appropriate claims had been met:

He added:
If the department does not have any information on how the subsidy is being used, how can it be sure that any subsidy granted is being used for the purpose for which it was given? Some local authorities will not be interested in applying for the subsidy, but unless the department has the relevant information it cannot begin to persuade them to apply, and it ought to be chivvying them to take advantage of it.

The department said that the subsidy was one of the detailed elements of the housing cost yardstick, which would be known to its regional offices. The gross amounts were passed on to the centre, but not the details. However, action would be taken soon to ensure that the detailed information on the subsidy was passed on.

Some information on the use of the subsidy may become available soon through research into play facilities being conducted by the Children and Youth Action Group. The group has a research contract, worth up to £70,000 over three and a half years, with the department to evaluate all types of play facilities.

# Baby death inquiry 'will not pull punches'

From Our Correspondent
King's Lynn

The inquiry into the death of Steven Meurs, aged 16 months, would try to find out what went wrong and advise how such happenings could be avoided in future, Mr Geoffrey Godber, the chairman, said yesterday. The child died in April weighing under 10lb in spite of many visits to his home by social workers.

Mrs Sandra Meurs, aged 21, his mother, of Stag Place, King's Lynn, Norfolk, who starved him, was jailed for three years for manslaughter.

Among the 20 witnesses at the inquiry will be King's Lynn people who said they warned the social services that the child was dying.

Mr Justice Willis, at the trial of Mrs Meurs, criticized social workers who visited the child's home. He said he was very distressed at the apparent inability of social workers to save the child.

The inquiry, set up by Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Area Health Authority, is in private.

Before the opening in King's Lynn, Mr Godber, former Chief Executive of West Sussex County Council, said he could understand the public's anxiety about an emotive subject.

There were people whose indignation was such that they would hope that the inquiry was some kind of an attempt to seek out individuals, apportion blame to them and punish them.

"But the most important part is not that at all. It is to try to find out what went wrong and to advise the authorities who have appointed us how they can best avoid such things happening in future. We shall pull no punches."

Answering allegations from Mr Arthur West, a county councillor, that he expected the inquiry result to be "a load of whitewash", Mr Godber said: "I hope we shall prove that is not so."

The inquiry consists of four other members. The report is not expected until early in November.

WEST EUROPE

# Men behind the Portuguese struggle for power

## The group who overthrew the dictatorship are now split into several factions over the direction their revolution should take

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Aug 26

The men struggling for power at the centre of the Portuguese Armed Forces Movement (MFA) are an unlikely group to find in the cockpit of a socialist revolution.

Unlike Dr Alvaro Cunhal, the Communist leader, and Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader, none of them served terms in prison or went into exile for their opposition to the right-wing dictatorships of Dr Salazar and Dr Caetano.

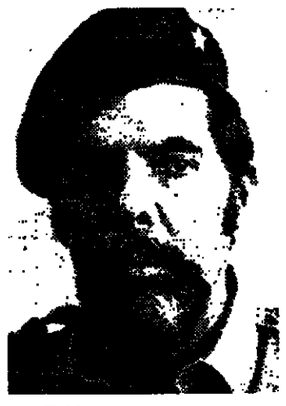
Virtually all of them won medals for their part in fighting Portugal's colonial wars for a government convinced that communism was its deadliest enemy.

Whatever their past convictions, they are the men who contrived Portugal's liberation from its dictatorship and most Portuguese today will credit them with having the best of intentions regarding the political direction the revolution should take. In the past 15 months, however, considerable differences have arisen between the various military factions over what that direction should be.

One group favours an orthodox communist course, a second group favours a slow and free process to pure Marxist socialism. A third group favours a more populist socialism inspired by the example of Cuba and providing some form of popular control.


Gen Gonçalves: Controversial Premier.


Gen Costa Gomes: Astride the factions.


Gen Fabiao: Backed by moderates.


Major Melo Antunes: Moderates' leader.


Brig Corvacho: Associate of Premier.


Gen Carvalho: Crucial, unpredictable figure.

### Gen Costa Gomes

The President of Portugal, General Francisco Costa Gomes, seems to have a limitless determination to stand astride the factions, in order to avoid open conflict which he believes would lead to civil war. Aged 61, he is a cavalry officer who rose through the ranks to become a general by November 1968. From 1965 to 1969 he was second in command, then commander in chief in Mozambique and from 1970-72 commander in chief in Angola.

He owes his MFA prestige to having been implicated in the abortive 1961 anti-Salazar coup, when he was removed from his post as Under-Secretary of State for the Army. In March last year he refused to take the public oath of allegiance to the then President, Admiral Tomás, and was removed from office as Chief of Staff of the armed forces.

Detractors for many years have accused General Costa Gomes of constant changes in his political allegiances and friendships and his actions in the past 16 months have appeared to bear out the accusations. Although in public speeches he has called for pluralistic and democratic socialism, he has taken no firm stand publicly for a brake on the authoritarian advances from the left.

Detractors call him "The Cork", having survived his closed associations with Dr Caetano and ex-President Spinola and now the leadership crisis.

A man with a quite and unassuming manner who wears tinted glasses, he is known to be exceptionally happily married and one of the few military leaders who is constantly accompanied publicly by his wife. They are often seen at local cinemas.

### Gen Gonçalves

The controversial Prime Minister, General Vasco Gonçalves, aged 54, was born into a comfortable upper middle class home and specialized in Army engineering at the Military Academy. He served in the Portuguese colonial wars, first in Mozambique from 1965-67, then in Angola from 1970-72 and in 1973 received one of Portugal's highest military awards, the Silver Medal for Distinguished Service.

Since becoming Prime Minister, he has been increasingly identified politically with the Communist Party, which, at least until recently, has given him unstinting support, particularly as attacks on his premiership have increased.

A sensitive and thoughtful man, he has nevertheless a volatile temperament and some of his statements have been considered erratic. In the face of attack, he has shown a stubborn conviction in his ability to carry on, though his denunciations of his political enemies have been increasingly bitter.

### Gen Carvalho

General Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, the ebullient third member of the ruling triumvirate and the commander of Copcon, the operational command which controls internal security, remains the most politically unpredictable figure and the crucial one in the power struggle.

He has an undoubted populist appeal and a down-to-earth approach to the political situation. He avoids direct identification with any party, but appears capable of aligning himself in various directions. He has espoused the extreme left viewpoint, calling for reactionaries to be herded into the bullrings, but has since collaborated with the moderates in an attempt to find a compromise plan of action which takes in aspects of the proposals suggested by both the extreme left and the moderates.

He has now taken an open stand against the Prime Minister, advising him to take a long rest, and has banned him from visiting military units attached to Copcon.

### Gen Fabiao

General Carlos Fabiao, aged 45, Chief of Staff of the Army, is still widely expected to be the next Prime Minister, and in this he is being heavily backed by the moderate elements. A tall, sturdy man with a neat black beard, usually wearing battle dress, who smiles only rarely, General Fabiao has a quiet but strong disposition.

He speaks out rarely and then with considerable impact. He caused a stir recently when he told a French interviewer that he did not have high hopes of the fifth provisional government's chances of continuing.

From a lower middle class background, General Fabiao and his wife still live in the house where he was born in Lisbon. He spent 12 years on active service in Portuguese Guinea and was a lieutenant-colonel there when the April 1974 coup occurred. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed acting governor.

Like most of the leaders of the MFA, General Fabiao's political views are probably heavily influenced by his contacts with the African nationalist movement he was fighting. Before the revolution it was the colonels, rather than the captains and the majors, who maintained the links with Nato and General Fabiao's only travel outside Portugal and its former colonies was a recent visit to Romania. Apparently, only the discipline impressed him particularly.

General Fabiao regards himself primarily as a soldier and is only reluctantly involving himself in the political situation. Associates tend to accept that this reluctance is genuine and his political involvement is primarily a patriotic one rather than an ideological one.

### Major Melo Antunes

Major Eruesto Melo Antunes, the leader of the moderate element, is an artillery officer who is regarded as the driving ideological force behind the revolution. He was always politically active and tried to stand as an opposition candidate in the 1969 parliamentary elections but his senior officers refused him permission.

A self-effacing, moon-faced man who wears tinted glasses, he is one of the few members of the MFA deeply versed in Marxist theory and has always recommended closer ties with the Third World while rejecting orthodox communism.

Major Melo Antunes was an original member of the MFA's coordinating committee and had been recommended as its chairman. However, the position went to General Gonçalves who had won many followers among the young revolutionary officers during his 10 years as a professor at the Military Academy.

Although Major Melo Antunes has maintained friendly contacts with the socialists like Dr Soares whom he knew well before the revolution, his relationship with General Gonçalves has been cool for some time. The coolness increased after Major Melo Antunes introduced an emergency economic plan for 1975-78 last February which was virtually ignored by the Prime Minister and his followers.

Major Melo Antunes is much admired, even by those who do not share his Marxist views for his consistency and his low key political style

### Col Silva

The Commander of the Air Force is Colonel Marais e Silva, aged 34, a pilot who has been a waverer between the moderates and the hardliners on the Revolutionary Council. He abstained from opposing or supporting the manifesto issued by the nine moderates which has become known as the Document of the Nine, but after some hesitation allowed it to be circulated among the Air Force units.

The colonel is a small man with an engaging personality who favours informal rather than formal military attire whatever the occasion. He is inexperienced in administration and command and as a result tends sometimes to turn to the men surrounding him.

He did a tour of duty as a pilot in Portuguese Guinea in 1972. When the April 25, 1974, coup occurred he was a very junior officer at the Monte Real air base near Leiria. Apparently he earned his command because of his support for the Air Force sergeants when they refused to refuel aircraft which were threatening to attack an artillery base during the abortive coup on March 11, 1975, after which he was promoted to colonel.

The Air Force is believed to be predominantly moderate in its outlook, particularly the parachute regiment. It plays a significant role in the military balance of power because of its helicopters. However, various units often tend to be a power to themselves.

Apparently when General Carvalho, the military security chief, and General Fabiao flew suddenly and mysteriously to Coimbra recently to meet the military assembly representing the MFA in the central region they found themselves for a time without anywhere to land because someone had closed the air base to them.

### Admiral Azevedo

The Commander of the Navy, Admiral José Pinheiro de Azevedo, aged 58, is also Vice-President. He abstained from supporting or opposing the Document of the Nine in the Revolutionary Council and also refused to have it circulated among naval units.

He is regarded as a left-wing radical without party attachment and of being capable of adjusting his views where necessary. Born in Angola, he served as Assistant Naval Attaché in London from 1958 to 1967 but is not regarded as being particularly pro-British as a consequence.

From 1972 to 1974 he was Commander of the Marines. Immediately after the coup he was promoted to the rank of admiral and was a member of the first post-coup junta of national salvation.

The Navy he commands is predominantly left-wing, primarily because its officer recruits came from the universities and had perhaps more opportunity to indulge political thought on board their ships than the Army which was more involved in fighting the colonial wars. The Navy rejected the Document of the Nine.

### Brig Corvacho

The Commander of the Northern Military Region, Brigadier Eurico deus Corvacho, aged 38, who was born in Oporto, is being reinstated to his command after being removed a week ago. A brisk, clear-thinking officer, he is a close associate of the Prime Minister and is believed to share his pro-communist sympathies. He opposed the Document of the Nine and as a result the officers and men who overwhelmingly favoured it went over his head to deliver their petition in support of the document to Lisbon by special courier.

Brigadier Corvacho, an artillery officer, was made captain at the age of 27 and was already serving in the Oporto military region. He is believed to have the same support of his command staff but not of the military region as a whole. Communist-dominated organizations in Oporto campaigned for his reinstatement and have threatened to launch a motorized procession to Lisbon to press their demands.

### Brig Charais

The Commander of the Central Military Region, Brigadier Charais, aged 44, voted in favour of the Document of the Nine. He is reputed to be opposed to Portugal's involvement with either Nato or the Warsaw Pact.

### Brig Correia

The Commander of the Southern Military Region, Brigadier Pedro Pezarat Horreia, aged 42, is an infantry officer who initially backed the document of the Nine, but is now believed to be wavering in his support of it and possibly moving closer to support of the Prime Minister.

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# ...ustody case mother beats jail deadline

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...mother who was given five ...es by a judge to obey a ...dy order escaped jail yes... when she gave in with ... seconds to go and handed ...son, aged four, to her ...r husband.
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... was appearing for defy... in order confirmed by the Court of Appeal, which gave custody of both the boy and an older daughter to Mr Anthony Bexon, her former husband.

Judge Marsh, after being told that Mrs Bexon felt she could not go against the boy's desire "expressed in no uncertain terms" to stay with her, said it was not up to Mrs Bexon to decide. She was behaving monstrously.

When Mrs Bexon refused to comply, even after the first adjournment, he said he would adjourn again for five minutes. After that he would jail her if she had not agreed to give up the child.

He told Mrs Bexon: "I am not blind to the emotional stresses going on inside you. But are you really thinking of your child or of yourself? How will going to prison benefit you?" After four minutes 50 seconds Mrs Bexon handed the boy to her former husband outside the courtroom. She was ordered to pay the costs of the hearing.

She said afterwards: "I was not afraid to go to jail, but I suddenly thought that there was no point. They would take Colin off me anyway."

The question of her access to the child is due to be decided by another court on December 2.

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# ...P calls for ...ugher ...nishments

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# Truancy report says pupils should choose teachers

A report on school truancy suggested yesterday that pupils should be given greater freedom in choosing their own teachers.

In its report the Scottish Council of the Labour Party asked for schools to adopt a more flexible attitude. It said some truants chose specific times to stay away, in order to avoid subjects and teachers they disliked.

Mr Alfred Young, a member of the working party that prepared the report, said at a Glasgow press conference yesterday: "We are simply saying we should look at the problem of kids who don't like particular subjects, or take up a subject and find they don't like it. I have met kids who don't like a subject so much that it stops them from going to school altogether."

In their report the members of the working party say: "We would hope that the present defensive reactions to schools councils would be partly dispelled by, for example, their becoming an agency whereby more meaningful school-community communication is possible.

"Society should not expect of young people standards which are not expected of adults. Adults have likes and dislikes, and there is nothing inherently threatening in some pupils needing, and being allowed, greater choice in subject or teacher."

The report, submitted to the Pack committee on truancy and discipline, said a significant number of truants had come to a logical decision about school. They did not attend because they thought it was irrelevant to their needs.

"Often retarded in educational performance, they become progressively trapped in a downward cycle of ever-lowering expectations. Schools expect less and less of them. They, in turn, expect less and less of school.

"The condition is often reinforced by inadequate resources, part-time education, distorted curricula caused by surplus staffing in some departments, and inadequate staff in others.

"We have no doubt that more and better buildings, better facilities and smaller class sizes in such situations cannot help but contribute to a reduction in the problem—we would strongly support such measures."

The report said that truancy was most serious in socially-deprived areas, which should receive more human and material resources. Schools should reexamine any aspect of their internal organization and approach that tended, even unintentionally, to breed or reinforce feelings of worthlessness in some pupils.

Mr Anthony Worthington, another member of the working party, said at the press conference that the proposals required "not too much expenditure, just a bit of imagination". There were not enough statistics on the subject and it was difficult to define a truant.

# Police campaign on breath tests

Cheshire police are launching a campaign against drivers who ignore the breath-test laws.

During September every motorist involved in an accident, committing a moving traffic offence, or suspected of having been drinking will have his breath tested if the incident occurred between noon and 4 pm or 9 pm and 4 am. Breath-test figures will be compared with accident figures at the end of the month.

# Conker contest bars women

Women are to be excluded from the draw for the 64 places in the eleventh annual world conker championships, to be held at Ashton, near Oundle, Northamptonshire, in October. Hitherto only men have taken part.

Mr Frank Elsom, chairman of the organizers, said: "The event would be ridiculed if it was open to women. In any case I have yet to see any woman with the skill to compete."

### Top band ineligible

Britain's top brass band, Black Dyke Mills, from Yorkshire, is not eligible for this year's British open championship contest because it completed a hat-trick of wins last season.

### M4 thieves take £4,000

Thieves who attacked and tied up the manager of the M4 service station at Membury, Wiltshire, early yesterday took his keys and stole £4,000 from the office safe. He was not hurt and later freed himself.

# Tory appeal over Portugal

An attack on the British Government, accusing it of "lack of response" over the situation in Portugal, was made yesterday by Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative spokesman for foreign affairs.

In a speech to his party executive at Bury St Edmunds, Mr Griffiths said: "I cannot help reflecting that a right-wing takeover in Chile invoked massive emotional resistance among Labour MPs and ministers.

"Surely we owe it to our oldest ally to show no less distaste for a left-wing takeover on our own doorstep in Europe."

Mr Griffiths said that a meeting of the EEC Council of Ministers should be convened "to reiterate the Community's strong distaste for any communist or military dictatorship being set up in Portugal, and at the same time our collective support for a truly democratic Portugal being made welcome as a full member of the EEC".

He wished to place on record the admiration which he and millions of other British people felt for the "heroic resistance of the democratic people of Portugal for any communist or military takeover of their country.

"It is to their everlasting credit that large numbers of Portuguese are hourly demonstrating that they rate their nation's freedom higher than their personal safety."

He went on: "Against this background I find surprising and disappointing the comparative lack of response from Her Majesty's ministers.

# Hunger strike to save Basques

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Aug 26

More than a hundred Spanish political prisoners have gone on hunger strike in protest against the trial of two Basque nationalists facing a death sentence.

According to underground sources, 80 prisoners in Madrid's Carabanchel jail, including some in the prison hospital, 15 in Yeserias and some in Segovia are on hunger strike. Twenty more prisoners are also reported to be refusing food in Zaragoza jail.

Their protest is directed against the trial of Señor José Antonio Garmendia and Señor Angel Otaegui, who will appear before a military court on Thursday in a village near Burgos. They are accused of shooting dead a policeman in the Basque country last year.

According to his defence lawyers, Señor Garmendia is a mental defective, because at the time of his capture a bullet went through his head, causing the loss of brain tissue. His confession, the lawyers claim, was made after the brain injury and should therefore be invalidated.

If found guilty, execution would be by garrote, a medieval strangling instrument.

Meanwhile, the trial of Señor José Maria Huertas Claveria, a Barcelona journalist, accused of "insulting the armed forces", ended today. The military prosecution had asked for three years imprisonment and the sentencing is expected within a few days.

Senor Claveria has been in prison since July 22 after publication of an article which he wrote for the Barcelona newspaper *Tele-Express*. In a paragraph he referred to the widows of soldiers, who in the difficult days after the Civil War allegedly managed hotels where rooms rented by the hour were used by prostitutes.

# Bargees decide to lift blockade of Rotterdam

Rotterdam, Aug 26.—Protesting barge skippers decided today to lift their blockade of Rotterdam, the world's largest port, but said they would continue to block the Rhine and all other main Dutch ports with their boats.

Mr Leo van Laak, leader of the campaign by 2,000 militant skippers and crewmen from the 8,698 cargo barges, said the skippers were lifting the blockade after a plea by Mr Andre van der Louw, Mayor of Rotterdam.

The two men met to discuss the protesters' demands that the Government should scrap its plan to reduce the number of barges because there were too many and too little freight for them.

Mr van der Louw pointed out that about 70 large vessels were trapped in Rotterdam by the chains of about 200 barges, and a queue of more than 50 ships outside the barrier were waiting to berth.

The mayor said the blockade, which started early yesterday, was seriously damaging Rotterdam and the Dutch economy.

But Mr van Laak told reporters after the meeting that the blockade of all other ports and inland waterways would continue unless the Government bowed to the skippers' demands. As he made the announcement, Parliament decided to have an immediate debate on the proposed legislation which caused the protest.

The legislation, originally scheduled to be debated on Thursday, would put many bargees out of business by changing the present complex system of freight allocation in the ports and forcing skippers to sign long-term contracts with private firms.

# Breton bombers strike again as Paris mourns

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 26

While three senior Cabinet ministers prepared to attend the funeral in Paris today of two policemen killed by Corsican autonomists last Friday, nationalists in Brittany set off more bomb explosions.

Two bombs, each placed at the homes in Rennes of two local politicians who support the Government, did damage but no one was injured. The attacks came only 11 days after those which temporarily closed down a nuclear power station near Quimper.

Responsibility for the power station assault was claimed by the Breton Liberation Front, which also calls itself the Breton Revolutionary Army. So far no organization has claimed responsibility for today's attacks.

# Italian jail wrecked by rioters

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Aug 26

Rome's new prison, Rebibbia, was wrecked today after a 24-hour orgy of destruction by prisoners demanding the immediate enforcement of prison reforms.

After long attempts at negotiation failed, police finally quelled the riot this morning by dropping teargas bombs on to the roofs where hundreds of convicts armed with sticks and stones had gathered. Then about 1,000 other police with helmets, shields and firearms at the ready moved in, locking prisoners into what cells remained intact, and herding the rest into the courtyard for transfer elsewhere.

Clouds of smoke hung over the prison compound during the night as inmates broke in and set fire to offices, stores, cells and a new £140,000 computor containing the details of each prisoner. Cell bars were ripped out, windows, furniture and equipment smashed and by midnight a deputy governor said: "Only the walls are left".

As the situation calmed down, the authorities found 13 prisoners injured — one stabbed, one with concussion and several with broken bones —as a result of internal feuding. The damage to the prison, Italy's most modern, was estimated at around £1.5m.

The riot started yesterday as a peaceful demonstration demanding that the prison reform law which officially came into force on Sunday should be quickly applied to Rebibbia. The prisoners refused to come in after their exercise period

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# Mr Ford's new style of 'meet the people' campaign wins votes

From Fred Emery
Washington, Aug 26

President Ford was back in Washington today after a two-week stay in the west, apparently exhilarated by his new round of campaigning in Milwaukee yesterday which brought him intensive local television coverage.

He may not have had much new to say, the *Washington Star* reporter noted today, but he did well by the new methods of showing himself to the people. They enabled Mr Ford to assure an audience of questioners (not reporters) at a gathering of business men that his Administration is "trying to hear people in all walks of life" in contrast to predecessors who, he said, "listened only to lobbyists in Washington."

One encouragement to Mr Ford, in otherwise unenthusiastic opinion polls, is that the Harris survey today found the President substantially preferred to Mr Ronald Reagan as Republican candidate. The breakdown of the sample of those identifying themselves as Republicans and "independents" was 55-34 per cent in Mr Ford's favour.

Mr Ford's margin held good everywhere except in the west, where it was 47-46 per cent. Even in the south where Mr Ford is supposedly in trouble because of the retention of Mr Nelson Rockefeller as his vice-presidential running mate, Mr Ford was ahead of Mr Reagan by 54-32 per cent.

Mr Reagan, has refrained from announcing his candidature, but he has authorized a "Reagan for President" organization to raise funds in his cause. Their mailed solicitations, over the signature of Senator Paul Laxalt, newly elected in Nevada last November, are already turning up across the country.

These are early days for polls campaigning, but Mr Ford has plans to keep at it almost every weekend until Christmas.

The exhilarating publicity experiment yesterday came first in the President's willingness to answer questions for over one hour at the Milwaukee conference on the economy of civic and business leaders.

That in itself got local television coverage. Then Mr Ford gave a live half hour interview to the local television stations, and he is often seen to best advantage in this format, chatting easily and coming across as the natural Mid-American nice guy that he is.

One issue appears to be nagging at him, however, and that is the damage Mrs Ford's recent candour on intimate family matters may have done him with conservative voters. For the second time in the past three days he gave a long winded answer defending his wife's answer about not being surprised when asked how she would react if her daughters were having an affair.

Mr Ford suggested there had been a misunderstanding, that his wife did not condone the idea of an extramarital affair.

# Non-aligned nations are urged to unite over economic planning

From Jane Monahan
Lima, Aug 26

Striking a note of political moderation, President Velasco of Peru called for peace and unity in economic planning by developing nations in his speech last night at the fifth ministerial conference of non-aligned states.

His speech was made as reports were received that about 60 per cent of the latest Middle East peace package proposed by Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, had been well received by Egypt and Israel.

Coupled with President Velasco's call last night for peace and drastic cuts in arms spending by developing countries, these reports have taken much of the steam out of extremist political proposals in Lima.

Led by Syria, Libya, Algeria and representatives of the Palestine Liberation Front, the Arab states agreed on Sunday to table a proposal during the conference urging the expulsion of Israel from the United Nations.

But yesterday, giving way to the moderates, the Arabs proposed that a four-nation working party be set up, comprising three moderate countries, Yugoslavia, India and Zambia, and one extremist, Syria, with the purpose of finding a solution of Middle East problems that would be acceptable to most non-aligned states.

Only watered down demands over the Israel issue are expected this week. Unlike earlier this month when extreme Arab proposals were opposed by several "moderate" African states during the meeting of the Organization of African Unity, there is now also the opposition of moderate Latin American countries, including Peru.

While moderation may be achieved on political issues, it could, on economic matters, result in a weakening of the united strategy that President Velasco seeks.

President Velasco last night said that an important feature of the new strategy could be the prompt setting up of a non-aligned "solidarity fund" for mutual economic aid between member states. But because such a fund seems to presuppose the participation of poorer nations in aid from countries belonging to Opec (the organization of oil exporters) the Arabs are reported to have suggested modifications.

For example, it has been suggested that contributions of all non-aligned states to the fund should be equal and fixed by the amount that the poorest nations can afford.

It has also been suggested that the fund, which is expected to be like a small World Bank, could call on contributions from countries outside the non-aligned nations. But then, it is argued, developing countries outside the movement should be entitled to draw on it.

Lima, Aug 26.—North Vietnam, North Korea, Panama and the Palestine Liberation Organization joined the Non-Aligned Nations Organization today, swelling its ranks to 82 full members

The conference rejected South Korea's attempt to gain full membership, and downgraded the Philippines, which wanted to be a formal observer, to the status of a guest. Both had been attacked by many members because of their military alliances with America.—UPI.

# Court challenge to Mrs Gandhi

Delhi, Aug 26.—The Supreme Court today heard continued legal argument on a challenge against the validity of an amendment to the Indian constitution which effectively blocks proceedings for alleged breaches of election law against Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

Mr Shanti Bhushan, who is contesting the legislation passed earlier this month on behalf of a jailed Socialist leader, Mr Raj Warain, said the case might now extend into next week.

Briefing foreign journalists, who are being excluded from the hearing, he said he had elaborated on his basic grounds of challenge during the four-and-a-half hours of today's sitting.

These are that the amendment alters the basic structure of the constitution by placing certain persons above the law, destroying the essential concept of judicial review and endangering the workings of democracy.

The five-man constitutional bench, headed by Chief Justice Ajit Nath Ray, has yet to decide on the admissibility of his second main challenge; that the parliamentary session which approved the amendment was invalid because of the illegal arrest of several MPs.

Security precautions around the Supreme Court were relaxed considerably today. Officials said that neither of Mrs Gandhi's sons, who had attended several of the earlier sessions, were present.

Mr Niren De, the Attorney General, and Mrs Gandhi's lawyers, headed by a former Law Minister, Mr Asoke Sen, are opposing the challenge to the amendment. Mr Bhushan said he expected to wind up his arguments late tomorrow or on Thursday.

The Supreme Court has held in abeyance Mrs Gandhi's appeal against conviction in the Allahabad High Court on June 12 on two charges of corrupt electoral practice, and counter-appeals on several other counts on which she was acquitted, until the legality of the amendment is determined.

If it is upheld, all election law charges against the Prime Minister will be rendered null and void. Otherwise, she faces disqualification

Mr Bhushan said he was basing his challenge on a 1973 decision of the Supreme Court when it ruled by a 7—6 majority that Parliament did not have the right to alter the basic framework of India's constitution.

The Indian authorities are stepping up a publicity campaign launched by Mrs Gandhi. The walls and public squares here have been covered for several weeks with an ever-increasing number of slogans calling on citizens to: "Declare your income and wealth correctly" and: "Pay taxes promptly".

The moralizing campaign spares no sector, and government offices are trying to set an example. In the Ministry of Information, small signs in red letters invite office workers to: "Talk less and work more".—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

# Amin anger over Mr Hill's comments

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Aug 26

Critical comments on the situation in Uganda under the rule of Field-Marshal Amin, made by Mr Denis Hills, the lecturer released recently after being under sentence of death in Uganda, have angered the Field-Marshal. He has declared that if what he calls "malicious propaganda" continues, it will affect relations between Britain and Uganda—which have improved since the visit to Kampala earlier this month by Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary.

President Amin has been angered to read extracts from Mr Hills's book, *The White Pumpkin*, which appeared in *The Sunday Telegraph* this week. He was quoted by Uganda radio as saying that instead of being grateful for the release of Mr Hills, the British were encouraging Mr Hills to continue his "propaganda". If this went on, plans for discussions on compensation for Britons whose property had been taken over in Uganda would be cancelled.

It was only because of his confidence in President Mobutu of Zaire, who urged clemency, that Mr Hills had been pardoned after being sentenced to death for treason. The treason charge arose from a passage in his book, which, it has recently been announced, is soon to be published in Britain.

President Amin has left Uganda for a tour of African countries, lasting "a few days". He said he would discuss matters concerning Uganda and the Organization of African Unity, in his new capacity as this year's OAU chairman. No details of the tour were announced in advance.

He has told provincial governors, at a meeting in Kampala, that he is about to constitute a National Union of Uganda and a national forum with representatives from throughout the country to approximate a parliament and a non-political party. They will present the views of the people to the Government.

President Amin has also met the Italian Ambassador and the Papal Pro-Nuncio, together with representatives of Italian missionaries. They have pressed for assurances that they will not be hampered in carrying out their work. Last month a number of Italian missionaries were expelled. President Amin has denied that any Roman Catholics were under pressure or were subject to any discrimination.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: The British Government still hopes that the economic talks, which were expected to begin next month, will be held, and that the improvement in Anglo-Ugandan relations will not relapse.

The British argument is that what appears in the press is not the Government's concern.

# Timor Governor 'ca hold on until today'

Lisbon, Aug 26.—Colonel Lemos Pires, the Governor of Portuguese Timor, has told the Lisbon Government that he can hold on only until tomorrow, "and after that I do not know". Fighting was continuing between rival political groups in the capital, Dili, and the situation was deteriorating, he said.

Colonel Pires issued an international appeal for medicines, doctors and nurses and said that paratroops sent to help to evacuate wounded had brought 14 people to hospitals in Dili including a pregnant woman with a bullet in her stomach.

An official statement in Lisbon last night, based on a radio report made by Colonel Pires yesterday to Macao, said that Portuguese troops were still in control of part of Dili including the harbour and naval communications centre.

Thousands of Timorese and Chinese were taking shelter in the port area and in churches but it was too dangerous to evacuate them because of mortar shelling and gunfire.

One of the contending political groups, the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (Fretilin) had urged the Chinese to stay. But they had not given a definite reply and asked instead: "Who are guaranteeing our safety?"

The governor said that no exact casualty figures were available because the dead were being burnt to prevent disease. "The worst thing is that it was mostly women and children who fell victims to indiscriminate grenade explosions."

The fighting began earlier this month when the Democratic Union of Timor (UDT) seized key installations. This resulted in clashes with Fretilin and the colony's other political group, Apodeti. The UDT and Fretilin want independence for Timor but Apodeti advocates a merger with Indonesia.—Reuter.

Canberra.—A chartered jumbo jet airliner left Darwin for Lisbon today with 287 refugees from Timor on board. They began the second stage of their flight home shortly after Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, had appealed to Portugal to reassert its control in the colony. In a state-

ment in the House of Representatives he said that Australia had a responsibility to intervene and stop the killing.

Most of the 1,170 who arrived in Darwin yesterday on board a 9,000-ton Norwegian cargo ship had come behind hoping to start a new life in Australia. The jet had dozens of empty seats when it took off. Most of the passengers were Portuguese soldiers and their wives and children.

An Australian immigration spokesman said that no decision had been made on applications to settle in Australia although it was understood that the Government would consider the requests sympathetically".

Dr Jose de Melo Egidio, the Portuguese Consul-General in Darwin, said that the repatriated evacuees were mainly metropolitan Portuguese and Timorese.

"Of those that remain here are Portuguese. Some of them want to stay in Australia others may decide to return to Timor when the fighting stops."

Latest reports indicate that Fretilin is now in control of Dili, while UDT forces are concentrated in Baucau, the second largest town in Timor, and Ulmera.—AP and UPI.

New York.—Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, has received a letter from Senhor Mario Soares, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, reporting "the massacre of hundreds of inhabitants, including women and children" in Portuguese Timor.

The letter, dated August 22, arrived yesterday. It is the second in close succession from Senhor Soares on the situation in the colony.

He said that Fretilin had hampered the evacuation of refugees to ships in the harbour by mortar fire from the south of the Dili port area. "Fifty foreigners are being held in the area as hostages", he added.—Reuter.

If the situation does not improve "international intervention may become necessary" which the good offices of His Excellency are indispensable to avert.

A United Nations spokesman told reporters, however, that there were indications in the letter had been overtaken by subsequent events".—

# Improved US grain outlook may boost sales to Russia

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Aug 26.—The United States Department of Agriculture today reported that the outlook for the American harvest has improved. This news will probably have a greater effect on the prospects of further Soviet grain purchases than all the high level discussions now taking place in Washington to persuade the dockers to lift their boycott on grain destined for Russia.

President Ford and Dr John Dunlop, the Secretary of Labour, are striving to persuade Mr George Meany, the head of the AFL-CIO trade union organization, to get the dockers to lift their boycott.

Negotiations are also proceeding on a new United States-Soviet shipping agreement, which may well increase the number of American ships carrying grain to the Soviet Union, thus satisfying the dockers to some extent. American courts may impose permanent restraining orders on the dockers, forcing them to load all ships.

But the key factor remains the volume of United States grain production which seemed set for record levels before a drought early this month in much of the Mid-West. The Department of Agriculture is more confident now of a record crop.

# Saigon expels journalists

Saigon, Aug 26.—The South Vietnamese Government has asked three more foreign journalists to leave Saigon. Mr Alan Dawson, Saigon bureau manager of United Press International, was asked to leave on Friday.

Two Japanese correspondents, Mr Yoshihisa Komori of *Mainichi*, and Mr Hiroaki Yamamoto of *Asahi*, Have been requested to leave next month. Government officials have made clear that all journalists assigned to Saigon before the April 30 takeover by the new Administration will be asked to leave eventually.

# Terrorists bomb Malaysian monument

From Our Correspondent
Kuala Lumpur, Aug 26

Police today offered a reward of 2,000 Malaysian dollars (£380) for information leading to the capture of suspected communist terrorists who badly damaged the National Monument with explosives.

The monument, featuring a group of seven men, celebrates the victory over the communists in the 1948-1960 insurgency. The dawn explosion blew one of the bronze statues off the pedestal and damaged two of the others.

The Minister of Home Affairs said one of the three time bombs placed in the monument went off prematurely, wounding at least one of the four terrorists involved. A trail of blood began among the figures on the pedestal and led to the place where the gang had parked their motor scooters.

Two of them abandoned their crash helmets. A police patrol spotted the helmetless riders and when they did not stop when ordered to, opened fire.

One of the gang dropped his wallet and police used the photograph from his identity card tonight to broadcast his description.

The explosion at the monument, which is set among pleasant gardens in the city within sight of Parliament House, is the latest in a series of such acts. In the past few months 10 policemen have been killed and a mortar attack has been made on an Air Force base in Kuala Lumpur.

# Ceasefire pact 'signed by two Angolan rivals'

Lisbon, Aug 26.—Lisbon radio today broadcast an announcement by Angolan State Radio that the two main rival Angolan liberation movements had signed a ceasefire agreement.

The new ceasefire was said to have come into force yesterday between the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA).

Under the ceasefire, the FNLA, it was said, will withdraw from a certain district—its name could not be deciphered due to poor radio reception—and will also hand over FNLA arms to Portuguese forces.

The Angolan state radio broadcast appeared to have been made by a member of the MPLA, since he ended by saying: "This is one more victory for the forces of FAPLA" (the name of the MPLA's army).

Separated by tribal and ideological differences, the two groups have been locked in a struggle for command of southern Angola.

The fighting shifted southwards after the MPLA beat the FNLA for control of the capital, Luanda. While the MPLA gains most of its support from the capital and its eastern hinterland, the FNLA has its roots in the north-east.

In Luanda, a mass grave full of human bodies has been unearthed near Sao Barra fort. The corpses are estimated to be at least a week old. Other graves have been sighted in the area but have not been investigated because the area is thick with landmines.—Reuter and Agence France Presse.

Martin Meredith writes from Luanda: Two Luanda newspapers closed down yesterday after they had run out of paper and print supplies.

A front page report in *O Commercio* gave warning that today's issue would be the last for an indefinite period. The newspaper advised readers to listen to the radio for news. A second morning newspaper, *Journal de Angola*, stopped publication.

Supplies of newsprint have been held up in the docks.

The closure of the two papers leaves MPLA in a strong position to control news. Dr Manual Monteiro, Minister of Information, is a leading official in MPLA. The radio tends to reflect the MPLA. Luanda's local radio station is also under MPLA influence.

Both O Commercio, a right-wing Portuguese insurance companies, and *Journal de Angola*, owned partly by a local Portuguese family and the MPLA, have in recent weeks been publishing official Portuguese accounts of the state of the civil war as well as MPLA bulletins.

# Dr Kissinger irritated by 'leaks' on Sinai accord

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Labour's majority in the 120-strong Knesset as the right-wing Likud has only 38 members and most of the members of the two religious parties, though opposed to the agreement, are likely to abstain.

Paul Martin writes from Alexandria: Egypt revealed today that agreement with Israel has been reached on 90 per cent of the points in the new Sinai disengagement accord, and what remains is "largely the question of wording".

The Egyptians made this known as Dr Kissinger returned here tonight with the Israel draft agreement to put before President Sadat. However, a source close to the Secretary of State cautioned against over-optimism, adding that both Israel and Egypt had arrived at a point "where they had reached the limits of tolerance" in their respective elecorates. If an agreement were not reached by the weekend it "might not be reached at all", the source added.

Dr Kissinger is understood to have been angered by the persistent "leaks" on details of the agreement emanating from Israel. He was visibly angry about his latest experience in Jerusalem when he rejoined his aircraft for the return journey to Egypt.

Although those familiar with the Kissinger technique in shuttle diplomacy feel that the caution being expressed aboard his aircraft should not be cause for undue alarm, they believe that the negotiations have reached a stage where agreement is at hand but "minor problems look like major obstacles".

After his helicopter touched down in the grounds of Maamoura palace here this evening, Dr Kissinger and his party were greeted warmly by President Sadat and his ministers, and without further ado the crucial talks began.

The optimistic statement earlier today about 90 per cent agreement came from Mr Tahseen Bashir, the presidential press secretary. "But then the 10 per cent that remains is very important, and when you put that in legal terms you still have problems you cannot dismiss quickly", he added.

Discussions now centred on the wording of the accord, which Mr Bashir described as "very involved, very meticulous and thorough". "Ideas are being put into words—you can call that drafting, paragraphing or what have you. But the stage of theory is behind us".

Meanwhile, Mr Ashraf Marwan, the presidential adviser on foreign contacts, left for an Arab tour which will take him to Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Algeria and Morocco. He was carrying messages from President Sadat briefing the Arab rulers on the new Sinai accord, with the aim of rallying Arab public opinion and cushioning the expected opposition from the Palestine guerrillas and other hard-liners

Mr Marwan will also deliver a special message to Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman. The Egyptians have been conscious of adverse Palestinian reaction, and fear that powerful countries such as Algeria may join a campaign against the accord and crack the delicate façade of Arab unity, thereby impairing their own programme of attracting Arab aid for their massive economic schemes.

# Philippine rebels kidnap stewardess

Manila, Aug 26.—A Japanese stewardess with the West German airline Lufthansa has been kidnapped by Muslim rebels in southern Philippines and is being held for a 200,000 pesos (£12,500) ransom.

Mrs Yoko Seki, a ground stewardess in Tokyo, was on holiday with her husband when she was kidnapped yesterday on Santa Cruz island, about 30 minutes by boat from Zabounga city on the island of Mindanao. Her husband was left unharmed.

Mr Francisco Tatad, the Philippine Secretary of Information said the ransom note was signed by the Moro National Liberation Front.

Mrs Seki was the fourth foreigner and the second Japanese woman to be kidnapped in recent weeks in southern Philippines

# Poet arrested security police in South Afr

Pretoria, Aug 26.—Breytenbach, a leading kaans poet who had bee in exile in Paris, h arrested by security p was officially announce today.

Mr Breytenbach, wh is held on a charge of ing false documents. He ried to a Vietnamese but they cannot live i Africa as man and wife of the Immorality Act forbids sexual relatio tween people of differen

Mr James Kruger, the Minister, said in a sta that Mr Breytenbach ha arrested on August 19 a tering the country on I under the name of tiaan Galaska". He had ted to be a French Reuter.

# Two Bangladesh arrests on wealth charges

Two Bangladesh officials, including a former Cabinet secretary, have been arrested under martial law regulations, Bangladesh radio reported yesterday.

Mr H. T. Imam, former secretary in the Cabinet division, and Mr Nuruddin Ahmed, secretary in the Ministry of Forests, Fisheries and Livestock, were charged with amassing wealth through corruption.

The broadcast also said that Major-General Ziaur Rahman, the new Army chief of staff, had urged Army officers to set an example of discipline and dedication.

# Torturers given state jobs by jun

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Aug 26

Greek military policemen who served as torturers at Eat-Esa, the notorious interrogation section, were guaranteed civilian jobs after leaving the Army, according to the evidence of prosecution witnesses at the court martial of 31 officers and privates accused of torturing political prisoners.

Major Michael Zouvelos, the prosecutor, created a sensation when he disclosed that the torturers had been given Government posts as under-secretaries and district governors. He promised to identify them in his summing-up.

In the past three sessions the court heard the testimony of several former privates who had served at Eat-Esa. Some of them showed such reluctance to corroborate their sworn statements that the prosecutor asked them if they were afraid. Mr Tryfon Paravantis, a witness who had served in Eat-Esa as a driver, told the judges today that he had received an anonymous telephone call threatening his own and his father's life in case he made revelations in court.

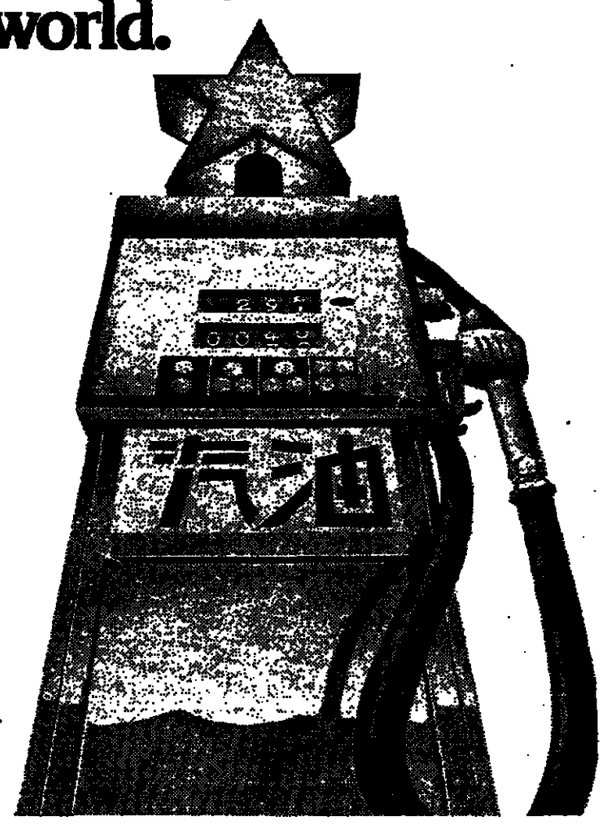
He said he had seen political prisoners beaten up. It was he who had driven to hospital Colonel Spyros Moustaglis after the tortures that left him a cripple.

He had also been used on night duty to guard the house of General Demetrius nidis.

M Jean Starakis, a journalist of Greek orig had been arrested for ance activities and tortur 90 days at Eat-Esa, sai General Ioannidis (wh sentenced to life imprisonment on Saturday for his part 1967 coup), had tried t ruit him as an agent to s the Greek resistance abro

When he refused, the eral told him: "You d realize the position you Here we do all th edirty and we know that if regime falls we'll be Therefore, be sure, we determined to go to extremes."


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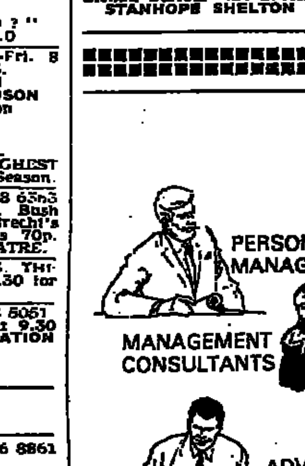
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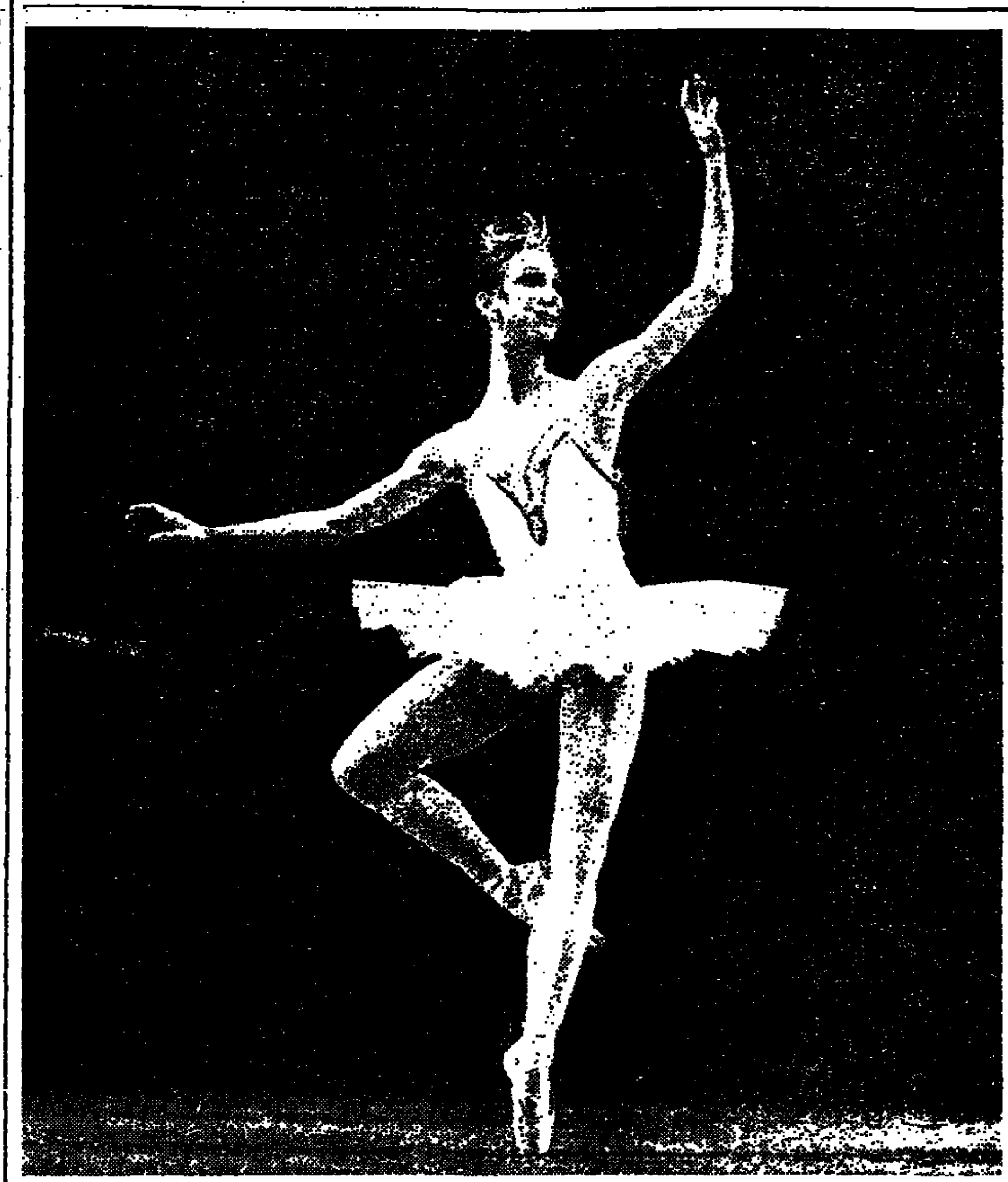
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# THE ARTS



Maina Gielgud in Noir et Blanc    Photograph by Anthony Crickmay

## Soloist with a sense of style

**Festival Ballet**
Festival Hall

**John Percival**

There was a moment during the can-can in *Gaité Parisienne* on Monday when I began to wonder whether Festival Ballet's dancers were confusing one kind of Parisian naughtiness with another. First one girl's shoe went flying into the wings, then another hurtled into the auditorium. But that was as far as the striptease went.

Massine's operetta-style romp may not be the most subtle of comedies, but its exuberance suits the company's dancers better than either of the other works on the programme. There are some amusing cameo performances, notably from Terry Hayworth as the duke and David Long as the officer, and in Massine's old role of the Peruvian traveller Kenn Wells has a lively sense of comedy.

What one misses is the aggregation of star performances, which alone could explain the pre-war popularity of this ballet. Maina Gielgud as the gloveseller shows what I mean: her performance has a flirtatious charm and lightness that makes the rest look heavy-handed.

Gielgud is also about the only soloist in *Noir et Blanc* with a real sense of the Lifar style. Her solo to the piece of music called *Cigarette* is piquantly phrased and presented with a clear, bold line. She deserves stronger support than Adam Luders can provide in the *pas de deux*.

Patricia Ruanne brings a touch of elegance to the last solo, and Carole Hill starts her fast dance well, although not quite sustaining the initial crispness. One can admire Margot Miklosy's speed and attack in the *pas de trois*, too, although her line is not the equal of her technique.

Unfortunately none of these really catches the sharpness and slightly angular quality of the choreography. That is a fault also in Peter Breuer's soft fluency in the mazurka, but at least he dances with some strength, whereas most of the other men seemed to think that flashing smiles compensate for deficiencies of technique.

The programme's centrepiece is *Scheherazade*. The plot is really so corny and Fokine's choreography so dulled by time that it is only worth doing as a museum piece. Consequently it seems odd that Festival Ballet, which once had an impressively authentic version, puts on such an odd extravaganza instead. The producer, Nicholas Beriosoff, has introduced such startling touches as having Zobeide swung upside down from her knees, in the course of a duet which makes the far more chaste later exchanges seem more quaint than ever.

## Pitlochry's enterprising repertoire

Offering six plays in six days (and in case climbing among the wild raspberries and wortleberries were not exercise enough, six chances to leap to your feet for that theatrical *rara avis* the National Anthem), the twenty-fifth Pitlochry Festival offers a repertoire almost papal in its catholicity, ranging from Ibsen via Scots comedy to a production of *How the Other Half Loves*, directed briskly by Christopher Denys, acted well throughout—and more than well by Patrick Ducrow, whose earnest solicitude, as the only innocent in Alan Ayckbourn's gallery of liars, snobs and social climbers, exquisitely supports Ayckbourn's point that as much harm may be done by the well-intentioned as by the malicious.

Chauvinism is represented by Lonsdale's resistable grouse-moor comedy *On Approval* and Robert Kemp's romance of Robbie Burns and Mrs Maclehose, *The Other Dear Charmer*, which suggests that while ploughboy poets may be shown off to one's cultured friends over tea in the drawing room, they are best kept out of the bedroom. While wholeheartedly concurring, I think I should have preferred *The Waggle o' the Kilt* (live) at the Regal Cinema or, better, Stewart Conn's *Count Your Blessings*, now out of the repertoire, which reads as an honest if limited account of sexual and political compromise by two generations of a Glasgow family and, with flair, uses two actors to represent a man divided.

The management has had the enterprise to offer both *The Master Builder* and *Revival*, Tom Gallagher's metaphysical comedy about an actor reincarnating Solness in Ibsen's play. However, it has had the monumental perversity not to give the plays on consecutive evenings, and as I could not stay the week I was unable to make comparison, and can only report that David Birch's production of the Ibsen had a lucid and witty first act, the phallic imagery boldly and powerfully stated, but that Kenneth Gilbert and Tricia Scott generated no sexual electricity, Miss Scott neither exploiting her own femininity nor evoking trolldom, so that the temptation of Solness by Hilde had ever-diminishing effect.

This year's rarity is *The Game of Speculation*, adapted from Balzac's *Mercadet* by G. H. Lewes, common-law husband of *George Eliot, biographer of* Goethe and Robespierre, author of *A Biographical History of Philosophy* and an immense range of journalism. A successful Shylock, acting professionally with Shaw's idol, Barry Sullivan, and as an amateur with Dickens, Lewes pronounced himself without talent for the stage after the failure of his romantic play *The Noble Heart*; nevertheless, while dramatic critic of *The Leader*, he adapted a number of French plays under the pseudonym of Slingsby Lawrence, finding space in his column to praise them with faint damns.

*The Game of Speculation* has at its centre Mr Affable Hawk, who lives entirely on credit, even borrowing from his servants who adore him for it, and proclaiming that there's no shame in debt—"It's National". His creditors crowd about him like the parasites in *Volpone*, and Hawk is ready to use his daughter as a pawn in his game; but as in Lewes's novels, the comedy is entirely cheerful and un-Jonsonian.

As a benign satire on a mortgaged society, it should prove timely; but though there is a breathtaking moment when Hawk has one of his creditors begging to be further beggared, the comedy is weakened by poor differentiation of the creditors and an ill-prepared denouement when Mrs Hawk saves the family fortunes by investing, against Affable's advice, in South African diamonds—"such pretty little things!"

I do not regard a song and a dance as the infallible, all-purpose dramatic repair kit: but I suspect the right lyricist and composer could turn the piece into something quite sharp. It would still need a more forthcoming player than Mr Gilbert, a character actor trained to mask his personality and therefore without the full measure of charm to give credibility to Hawk's confidence tricks.

**Charles Lewsen**

## Edward II

Young Vic

**Charles Lewsen**

*I want to tell you about* Caroline Blakiston's exciting performance of Edward II's queen. Yet I cannot urge you to see her, since this involves suffering the production by David Mouchtar-Samourai (not one of the Glorious Seven) of Brecht's version of Marlowe's play, in a translation of aggressive banality by Ralph Mannheim and William E. Smith, which begins with the cast glowering at us—always a nasty sign of high-principled theatre—then offers a beggar and cripple playing an interminable game of knucklebones and singing "A new king crowned, an old king dead; What about the price of bread?", which sounds like a high Tory's parody of Brecht, but is just part of the "additional material" provided by Andy Smith to ram home the play's point.

To keep us up to the mark, stage directions are periodically hurled at us in a manner that suggests one is suddenly going to be asked. "You in the third row, with your hands in your pockets, when was Edward rescued from the granary of Neath Castle?"—which would stump me; since the phantasm enacted by Mr Mouchtar-Samourai's somnolent players, behind an intrusive mask of ropes, is so remote.

Take the central passion. Not Mrs Whitehouse, nor Lord Forbid himself, could take offence at the embraces of Edward and Gaveston, which would be perfectly proper between a centre-forward and his half back after the latter's equalizing goal. Which is why Miss Blakiston is all the more to be admired for her portrait of a woman insulted by her husband's love for another man—a portrait which, from her first motionless appearance, seems to resonate through every corner of her personality.

I do not wish to overpraise. Her transformation, without makeup, into a brazen-thighed, grape-spitting, drunken, gormandizing harridan has a fraction too much of the Doll Tearsheet; but when you have been fed on a diet of slops, you don't complain if you are given a slice too many of red meat.

It is fair to point out that this is not a Young Vic production. That fine company, as I had the privilege of reporting recently, is at the Criterion in *Rosencratz and Guildenstern are Dead.*

## Finns on the South Bank

There will be a week of Finnish music-making on the South Bank at the end of next month, *starting with a recital by Martti* Talvela at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on September 21. Talvela will be accompanied by Ralf Gothóni, one of Finland's outstanding young pianists, in a programme of music by Schumann, Mussorgsky and Kilpinen.

The official opening comes two days later in the same hall with a concert by the Tapiola Children's Choir. Most of the works that evening will be by Finnish composers, but there will also be songs by Benjamin Britten, Debussy and Kodaly.

Visiting orchestras include the Helsinki Chamber Orchestra (conductor Ulf Söderblom), the Finnish Radio Symphony (conductor Okko Kamu) and the Bournemouth Symphony (conductor Paavo Berglund).

During the week there will be an evening of jazz (September 27) performed by the Finnish Jazz Workshop and a folk evening the following night in the Purcell Room.

## A vastly promising play

**How Mad Tulloch Was Taken Away**
Lyceum, Edinburgh

**Irving Wardle**

A first play by a new Scottish *author is a rarity on the official* Festival stage, and until half time I was entertaining hopes that John Morris's resonantly titled piece was going to amount to a modern *Woyzeck* with jokes.

Its protagonist is a Highland infantryman with a heroic war record who has been up and down the ranks ever since his moment of glory, always being busted down to private in the end. An embarrassment to the top brass, he gets grudging respect from his fellow squaddies as a particularly wild nut-case: apt equally to treat them to impassioned moral lectures and to pull off stunts such as his daring theft of a litter of kittens before the regimental police get round to drowning them.

That earns him a spell of detention and the attentions of an officer's wife who invites mad Tulloch to have it away under cover of a midnight dinner engagement.

Hereabouts we begin to get an insight into his motives, and to see the play splitting in two. Tulloch, who enlisted at 15, lives for comradeship and looks back to a time when he saw it all around him. Now he sees it no longer, and has undertaken the mission of putting it back. From that point, his eccentricities begin to take on a solemn purpose and he develops a gleam in the eye. As that change is accompanied by an increasingly clotted dialogue style, the fun starts draining out of those scenes carrying the main argument.

Progressively we see him haranguing a dance floor, denouncing the doctrines of the alcoholic padre, and addressing the major he has cuckolded in terms of universal brotherhood before the incensed officer shoots him dead. Tulloch has right on his side and no chance of doing anything about it; he is therefore obliged, in dramatic terms, to go mad. But Mr Morris has found no solution for the old dramatic hazard that the more a character carries the stigma of madness the less human interest he arouses in the audience.

All the same, it remains a vastly promising play. It is very curious to see the same writer sinking to otiose melodramatics in one scene, and then passing into brilliant ironic shorthand in the next. The real triumph is not Tulloch himself (in spite of the fiery sincerity of James Grant's performance) but the surrounding portraits of Army types: the old storeman, hugging his cushy number and never seen except after nightfall; and the regimental police trio who trot on to deal with a brawl, a fire, or to shift an adulterous bedroom under the benignly fire-breathing scrutiny of Rikki Fulton's Provost Sergeant who finally delivers the official obsequy for Tulloch (shortly after he has burnt down the regimental museum). Looking up to the sky, cap off, he offers up "one dead Jock for the use of".

Bill Bryden has staged the piece on a grey neutral set with a few necessary props and generally lit by spots which rake the place like searchlights. One can see the point but it is a relief when the lights do go up. Mr Bryden could have served the play better with firmer cutting (particularly in its line-up of mourners each delivering another false ending). But in the task of showing personal life going on under the military mask, the production can stand with the best versions of Arden and Charles Wood. Some of the passages where Tulloch's old gang get back into the swing of things and enact pantomime fights convey more about comradeship than anything in the dialogue.

## Le nozze di Figaro

King's, Edinburgh

**William Mann**

Notwithstanding the brickbats lobbed at Daniel Barenboim and his colleagues for their production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at the last two Edinburgh Festivals, he and they were asked to provide a new production of *Le nozze di Figaro this year.* A cast of the highest distinction has been assembled and is produced by the Figaro, Sir Geraint Evans himself. The first performance on Monday night was not ideally polished or balanced, but it did project a certain attitude to the work, consistent more or less at all levels.

Figaro, Sir Geraint tells us, is not elegant or artificial. Aguasfrescas, the country castle of Count Almaviva, is no court but a household, close-knit, feudal by intention, maybe, but not successfully, let alone oppressively. We see more of the staff than the libretto prescribes. Fellow-servants help Susanna and Figaro to furnish their married quarters (a reversal of the stage direction "half-unfurnished") and are liable to wander into the room at any time—dangerous for the predatory Count and perhaps even more exciting. The ex-barber and his spouse have plentiful allies: when the Count postpones the wedding on a pretext of preparation for desirable pomp the loyal, flower-bearing retainers lose their enthusiasm, take back their floral tributes, and retire sour-faced.

The Almavivas, despite their marital troubles and their care to maintain a certain distance as employers, are shown to mingle quite freely with the underlings, as the story indeed suggests, and it seems reasonable that the Count and Countess should lead the Fandango at the double wedding. It may go too far to allow Antonio to enter the Countess's bedroom by climbing a ladder, garofani in hand, on to her balcony—though the producer's gloss is amusing.

All this belongs conceptually to Figaro's own account of what happened on that folle journée, so it is consistent too that the musical performance, with the English Chamber Orchestra under Barenboim, should move energetically forward, without solemnity or romantic pretension, and that suavity à la, say, Karajan, should be resolutely avoided. If vitality is achieved, and we understand why Napoleon described Figaro as "the revolution already in action", there is also a certain coarseness in balance in rapport, especially in the second act finale, which does not fully convey the evident greatness of the music. The lack of artistic poise seemed less apt, more damaging, in the third act, where, in any case, the continuity of scenes is allowed to appear painfully haphazard—and the slapdash ignoring of grammatical graces makes the music sound even more vulgar.

We do have Dietrich-Fischer-Dieskau's prancing, narcissistic lady-killer of an Almaviva, rampageous in pursuit and outrageously youthful of voice and of person, too young almost for Heather Harper's Rosina who, overdressed and bewigged by John Fraser in the last two acts, actually looks to be her husband's senior—and then Miss Harper was in uncomfortable voice, edgy and bumpy, seldom displaying her real expertise and artistry. She, more than the others (except when Fischer-Dieskau overdid the Count's surprised double-takes), really needed the guidance of a masterful producer.

Evans's Figaro remains a classic acting performance of our day, never unresponsive, aware of everything, dangerous and rather sardonic these days, for a moment totally in control during his last aria, where he goes beyond Da Ponte's text accusing women to suggest Beaumarchais's political diatribe at an equivalent point in the play.

Ileana Cotrubas is a familiar, sly and knowing, infinitely delicious Susanna, Teresa Berganza repeats her lovely Cherubino but also needs some producer's guidance in boyish impersonation. John Fryatt's dank-locked Basilio is newly thought out, Birgit Finnilla's Marcellina as yet amorphous, though she led the sextet to admiration. William McCue is the bluff, genial Bartolo.

## Academy of St Martin

Albert Hall / Radio 3

**Joan Chissell**

The four composers in Monday's Prom fell into two pairs: Haydn and Mozart, represented by a symphony and a concerto respectively set against Walton and Beethoven, linked by the fact that from both we heard a work originally conceived for string quartet played by a string orchestra.

Nothing could have been farther removed from old time Bank holiday enticement. But promenaders nowadays are knowing. They turned out in strength on Monday because Alfred Brendel and Neville Marriner with his Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields were there.

The collector's piece was Mozart's F major piano concerto, K459. *Notoriously happy* as this music is, never can the key of F major have sounded more limpid, more springlike, more sparkling than Mr Brendel made it sound on this occasion.

Apart from pianistic finesse and subtleties of inflection making every phrase burst with life and character, it was the intimate chamber-music-like interweaving with orchestra that made the performance so special. Balance, links and flecks of colour all played their part. Not for nothing did Mr Brendel once describe Mr Marriner as an extension of his own right arm.

Haydn's key for his "La Passione" is F minor—strange how those three extra flats can change light into dark. "A performance without a harpsichord is unthinkable", a distinguished Haydn specialist recently wrote. Mr Marriner and his team nevertheless managed very well without in so far as imaginative response to undercurrents was concerned.

These players also cleverly revealed the child as father of the man (especially in ejaculatory rhythm) in Walton's early string quartet, comfortably arranged as a Sonata for strings. Beethoven's Grosse Fuge fared less well in amplification: here Mr Marriner's baton had to impose order on what should sound intractable, in fact elemental.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

SPORT

Racing

# Epsom savours National Hunt tang

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There was a scent of National Hunt racing in the air at Epsom yesterday when both Buckie and Mountain Rescue were successful. They are trained by Bob Turnell and Fulke Walwyn, respectively, who are both better known these days for their exploits over jumps.

Although conceding that it has been his brilliantly successful cousin, Peter, who has been stealing most of the limelight this summer, Fulke Walwyn was quick to remind us that he is no stranger to the world of flat racing after he had seen his two-year-old filly, Mountain Rescue, win the Ladas Maiden Stakes.

The year was 1959 when Walwyn notched one of his most memorable successes on the flat, for it was in June of that year that he saddled Monamolin to win the Windsor Castle Stakes. Monamolin was owned by his wife, Cath, whose father, Sir Humphrey de Trafford had just won the Derby that year with Parthia and the St Leger the year before with Alcide.

Yesterday it was the de Trafford colours that Lewis wore when he won the Ladas Stakes riding Mountain Rescue. They have now been taken over by Fulke Walwyn's sister-in-law, Mrs Derek Parker Bowles, who bought Mountain Rescue from out of her late father's estate for 2,100 guineas when she was submitted for sale at Newmarket as a foal.

Closely related as she was to both Parthia and Approval, who did so well for her father, this filly meant a great deal to Mrs Parker Bowles at the time, and she was determined to hang on to her if she could. Now, with this easy win under her belt, following two promising performances at Newbury and Salisbury, she not only means but is worth a great deal more.

Mountain Rescue could hardly have won more easily than she did, which was just as well for those who plunged on her in order to get back their holiday losses. In the minutes before the start, Mountain Rescue's price shortened from 13-8 on to 85-40 on. Lewis also won the Fetcham Handicap, riding Gloss. In this race he thwarted Frank Durr's attempt to win on Makinlau, but in the Heathcote Nursery the boot was on the other foot, with Durr on Heracles just pipping Lewis on Rockorama.

Gloss is one of those who is in his element on firm ground and yesterday it was abundantly clear from the start that he was entirely happy. So, the hint that he was in form that he gave at York a week earlier, when he finished third in the Rose of York Stakes, only a length behind Chil the Kite, proved to be entirely accurate.

Durr was also on the losing end when he was beaten into second place in the Chessington Stakes riding Sotos. But even he could not have begrudged Brian Jago his success on Jetador, because this was Jago's first winning ride in 15 months. In the meantime Jago has broken a leg, the same leg, twice. It is a long haul back after two such injuries, but Jago is as game as they come and determined to make it. Judged by his effort on Jetador he will soon be back where he belongs, amongst the top flight, respected for what he is, a fine lightweight jockey, the sort of man who inspired the late Lord Rosebery to give him a retainer.

As Jago would be the first to remark, people are quick to forget in this fickle game. To succeed you have to be constantly in the public eye. One young man who has been precisely there recently is Richard Fox. Hailed from all sides as the find of the season, Fox recently rode his first treble at Salisbury and on Monday he lost his right to claim the 5lb allowance.

Yesterday he celebrated reaching that milestone in his career by winning the Steve Donoghue Apprentice Handicap, a race named after one of the most celebrated members of the weighing room in the history of English racing. And he won it on Buckie, who was one of the horses that helped him to land his treble at Salisbury.



Richard Fox and Buckie returning to the winners' enclosure after their success in the Steve Donoghue Apprentice Handicap.

When Peter Walwyn bought Buckie as a yearling for Nancy Barker, he thought that he would come to hand much earlier than he did. When he did not Buckie was gelded and returned to his owner's stud where he was turned out. Eventually he was entrusted to Bob Turnell, who also trained Mrs Barker's lovely hunter chaser, Bullock's Horn. Even if he did not fulfil their early hopes, Buckie at least evened things up with his dam, Cullen, by winning yesterday. In her heyday Cullen also won at Epsom. In her case, victory came in the Great Metropolitan Stakes.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: good. Beverley: firm. Great Yarmouth: good to firm. Devon and Exeter: firm. Fontwell Park: firm.

# String of seconds ends for Mr McMandy

Mr McMandy, runner-up in his three previous races, finally cruised to an easy two lengths and a half win over Miss Osprey in the Wakeman Handicap at Ripon yesterday.

Seagrave, riding his thirtieth winner of the season, employed waiting tactics. New Henry started slowly in the early stages and with a mile still to go the American-bred horse, Boco, went on. Man Alive was fractionally in front two furlongs out, but with one furlong and a half to go Seagrave urged Mr McMandy into the lead and they soon had the five other runners well strung out.

A former speedway rider, Jack Ormston, who is Mr McMandy's trainer, has made a comparatively slow start to the season with three winners. Mr McMandy, who is home bred by Edward and Tim Holland-Martin at the Overbury Stud, has the distinction of coming from the same stud that produced this year's Derby winner, Grundy. The five-year-old will now aim at another win in the Rufford Abbey Handicap at the St Leger meeting at Doncaster next month.

Barclay, who will ride as No 1 jockey to the powerful Denys Smith's stable in 1976, made all the running for Murless to get Oswaldkirk home by seven lengths from Brother Somers in the Market Cross Handicap. It was Barclay's first winner this year for Murless, and he has now had 23 winners this season.

Fairgold, who only cost 250 guineas at the Doncaster sales, had his third win out of four races this season when leading below the distance. He ran on gamely for a half length win from Penny Pincher in the Curfew Handicap.

Sienna, highly regarded by her trainer, Weymes, was one of the narrowest winners of the day when beating Corriefeol by a neck in the Wensley Plate. The filly, who went ahead well inside the final furlong, is home bred by Brian Driffield.

# Sonnenblick may take on elders at Haydock

By Michael Seely

The Champion Two Year Old Trophy at Ripon on Saturday has often attracted a high class field. In 1971 the subsequent 2,000 Guineas winner, High Top, took the prize. Last year that flying filly, Cry of Truth, gained a clever victory over Touch of Gold and Panomark in record time before going on to Newmarket to spreadeagle an international field in the Cheveley Park Stakes.

Once again some smart two-year-olds have been declared at the four-day stage. From Newmarket the Cherry Hinton winner, Everything Nice; the speedy and consistent Enchanted, and the wide-margin Great Yarmouth winner, Scott Joplyn, all stand their ground. Ian Balding is sending his Newbury and Ascot winner, Outer Circle, to try to capture the trophy for Berkshire.

Of the home defenders Pennina, Confessor, Woodsome and Sonnenblick appear the pick. Sonnenblick is an interesting contender. In the capable hands of that outstanding National Hunt trainer, Gordon Richards, Sonnenblick made a deep impression on all those who saw him pulverize a decent field at Newcastle earlier in the month.

Richards has had plenty of experience of fast horses and everything that Sonnenblick has shown him on the gallops at Penrith has left the trainer in no doubt that the two-year-old is a top-class prospect. As Gemina, beaten by Sonnenblick in his first race at Hamilton Park, defeated Ashabit at Ripon on Monday, and as Donrae, a fast finishing third to Pasty in the Lowther Stakes, could only finish fifth to Sonnenblick at Newcastle, the form book goes some way towards supporting Richards's contention.

Ridden in all his races by the brilliant steeplechase jockey, John O'Neill, Sonnenblick may miss Ripon if the ground is too firm. In this event his only other race this season would involve a tilt against the older sprinters in the Vernons Sprint Cup at Haydock Park at the end of the season. A good two-year-old always has a reasonable chance of beating his elders in November, and Sonnenblick, by Song out of a King's Bench mare, is bred for the task.

Although by most people's standards Michael Stoute has enjoyed a successful season it has been a frustrating one as far as the Newmarket trainer is concerned. Both in June and again this month his team has appeared poised to produce a string of winners, but, on the big day, they have inexplicably failed to give their running

But, if form means anything, Stoute must have an outstanding chance of capturing the feature event at Haydock Park this afternoon, the Cavalier Stakes, with Alphadamus, who gave Stoute his first important victory as a trainer when taking the Stewards Cup in 1973. Alphadamus is better handicapped than he has been for a long time and his third to Blue Start at Redcar bears the closest inspection following Blue Star's impressive victory in the Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon. Alphadamus can produce a sparkling burst of speed when at his peak and I am assured that he has never been better.

As neither Glen Strae nor The Guvnor have shown anything recently the chief dangers are likely to be Hel-land Jamie and Bold Picture. Bold Picture has been disappointing, but, in his present vein, Barry Hills would just about win the Tour de France if he owned a bicycle. Robert Sangster's filly could pose the main threat to Alphadamus.

There is a poor turnout for Beverley's main attraction, the Beverley Silver Salver. But there is an obvious reason for this. With the declaration of Donrae the opposition in this five furlong handicap for two year olds has dissolved as quickly as snow in May. Donrae appears to be the punter's dream—a handicap certainty.

As I wrote earlier, Donrae came home in great style when beaten just over a length by Pasty in the Lowther Stakes at York.

# Whiffenre[tz] a popular winner at Chepst[ow]

Frank Freeman's filly, [Whiffen]retz, was a popular win[ner of the] Lion's Lodge Handicap [at Chep]stow yesterday but the [race revived] all the old arguments [about flag] starts.

The twelve sprinters [were sent] into action before the [starter,] Captain Dick Smalley, [lowered his] flag. Many of the field [lost] half the course, including [Whiffen]retz, and three of them, [Another] Fiddler, Haberdasher a[nd Sillins] Pride, passed the win[ning post] before they could be pu[lled up].

George Peter-Hoblyn, [who rode the] died Haberdasher for [the] Steward Sir Bernard W[aley-Cohen,] to finish a close third, c[ommented:] "The only thing you ca[n say about] this method is a bad sta[rt. Haber]dasher is a five furlong[er and] he covered ten.

Willie Carson, who [rode] Sillins Pride, commente[d: "These] old sprinters know they [have] to jump off and go. Th[ere is noth]ing you can do."

Jockeys are instructe[d to walk] in to the flag start at a[nd] Captain Smalley said: "[They ga]loped into the start, [there were] ten lengths between firs[t and last.] I just could not allow t[hat."]

The Clerk of the Co[urse, ...] Hughes, said that Chepst[ow's] hope of getting stalls [...] holiday would be promi[sed ...] a group four course t[o] three course.

Whiffenretz, who bea[t top] weight, Rilramble, a l[ength and] a half, now goes for na[...] ladies race at Lanark in [which she] was narrowly beaten [by ...] Melody last year.

Whiffenretz's rider, G[...], field, completed a 51½-1 [double on] Winged Dagger, who m[ade the] running and raced in [...] clear in the Berkeley [Handicap.] Winged Dagger gave th[e] trainer Jim Old his fi[rst win] ovre jumps two years [ago and] yesterday's was his fir[st] success on the flat.

## Great Yarmouth programme

**2.15 HALL QUAY PLATE (2-y-o fillies : £345 : 5f 25yd)**

2 0033 Chrisdedor (W. G. Payne), K. Ivory, 8-11 .. W. Somerville 7 2
3 4 Jen Marie (R. Green), R. Armstrong, 8-11 ...... W. Carson 1
4 0 Kilcarn Lass (Maj E. O'Kelly), G. P-Gordon, 8-11 B. Taylor 5
7 00 Merry Brummel (I. Allen), R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... M. L. Thomas 4
9 4222 Self Satisfied (A. Samuel), Doug Smith, 8-11 .. T. McKeown 3

5-4 Self Satisfied, 11-4 Chrisdedor, 7-2 Jen Marie, 6-1 Kilcarn Lass, 12-1 Merry Brummel.

**2.45 LONGSHORE HANDICAP (£671 : 7f)**

1 0-01041 Rustic Lad (D) (Lady B. Ness), J. Hindley, 4-10-0 N. Crowther 7 1
3 010000 Blues Again (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 3-9-5 .. W. Somerville 7 5
4 4314-00 Plum Preserves (T. Willis), R. Armstrong, 3-9-3 ... W. Carson 9
6 41-0102 Messenger Boy (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 4-9-1 ...... E. Eldin 7
7 0-00301 Trotty (D) (R. Moody), A. Dalton, 4-9-1 ...... A. Kimberley 2
8 20-0020 Gur Amir (CD) (S. Joel), G. P-Gordon, 7-9-0 .. B. Taylor 8
10 101020 Caribbean Boy (CD) (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 6-8-6 D. Nicholls 5 6
11 402024 Soldiers Tale (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-7-10 .. T. McKeown 3
13 000202 Policy Lad (Mrs Collingridge), H. Collingridge, 3-7-7 M. L. Thomas 4

3-1 Rustic Lad, 7-2 Policy Lad, 5-1 Trotty, 11-2 Messenger Boy, 7-1 Soldiers Tale, 8-1 Caribbean Boy, 10-1 Gur Amir, 16-1 others.

**3.15 FRANK STONE HANDICAP (£828 : 1¾m)**

2 302220 Tudor Crown (O. Zawawi), J. Hindley, 4-9-11 A. Kimberley 5
3 0-32002 Glimmer of Hope (CD) (T. Bletsoe), T. Waugh, 4-9-5 E. Eldin 1
6 111210 Court Circus (CD) (R. Muddle), R. Hanbury, 5-9-2 .... — 3
7 020014 Sir Something (J. Stafford), B. Hills, 3-8-11 .... W. Carson 2
8 031240 Corraggio (C) (Mrs Eldin), G. P-Gordon, 5-8-10 B. Taylor 6
9 00-231 Marchant (C. St George), H. Cecil, 3-8-5 ...... A. Bond 4

2-1 Marchant, 100-30 Court Circus, 9-2 Glimmer of Hope, 11-2 Tudor Crown, 8-1 Corraggio, 10-1 Sir Something.

**3.45 WELLINGTON PIER STAKES (3-y-o : £369 : 1m)**

1 0 Aloha Prince (Mrs Gooch), H. Westbrook, 9-0 M. L. Thomas 4
2 Burbling Brook (G. Crane), C. Brittain, 9-0 ... R. Fox 3 6
6 Royal Legacy (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 9-0 .... P. Young 5 1
8 0-000 Upper Echelon (R. Webster), R. Armstrong, 9-0 W. Carson 7
9 3-00000 Content Hill (F. Sisson), B. Lunness, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 5
10 0-00000 Early Summer (Lady Sefton), Doug Smith, 8-11 .. E. Eldin 2
11 0002-44 Forgets Image (G. Paterson), H. Cecil, 8-11 ...... A. Bond 10
12 00300 Lobster Pot (E. Engel), H. Collingridge, 8-11 .. G. Sexton 9
16 000300 Salsafy (J. Hambro), R. Hobbs, 8-11 .......... B. Jago 3
17 000-022 Sharpie (Mrs Jones), G. P-Gordon, 8-11 ...... B. Taylor 8

11-8 Sharpie, 11-4 Salsafy, 9-2 Forgets Image, 13-2 Royal Legacy, 10-1 Early Summer, 12-1 Lobster Pot, 20-1 others.

**4.15 PLEASURE BEACH HANDICAP (2-y-o : £587 : 7f)**

3 4412 Star Reform (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-12 ...... F. Durr 4
5 004 Gay Season (M. de Gregorio), R. van Cutsem, 8-2 W. Carson 3
6 00022 Tucsado (T. Finch), G. P-Gordon, 8-1 .......... D. Maitland 5
7 200232 Grove's Boy (Mrs Grady), C. Brittain, 8-0 ...... R. Fox 3 —
8 0002 Sils Maria (Mrs Villar), R. Hobbs, 7-12 .............. 6
9 20000 Lloyd Ardua (Mrs Rates), B. Lunness, 7-12 ...... B. Jago 2
10 000401 Likely Boy (Mrs Dexter), R. Bastiman, 7-10 .... D. McKay 1

7-4 Tucsado, 9-4 Star Reform, 4-1 Gay Season, 11-2 Sils Maria, 8-1 Likely Boy, 16-1 others.

**4.45 COBHOLM STAKES (3-y-o fillies : £344 : 1¼m)**

1 00-403 Bontecou (J. O'Keriffe), H. Cecil, 8-11 ........ A. Bond 5
2 0-002 Brandenbourg (Dr M. Andreae), C. Brittain, 8-11 R. Fox 3 6
3 0-403 Hatbox (Mrs Hurt), G. P-Gordon, 8-11 ........ B. Taylor 2
6 00-0002 La Melodie (J. Astor), Astor, 8-11 ............ E. Eldin 7
8 0-0033 Matinella (Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... W. Carson 8
9 02-0000 Miss Peking (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 8-11 .. T. McKeown 1
10 040-000 Sacred Mountain (I. Allen), P. Robinson, 8-11 G. Starkey 3
11 00 Scarlet Woman (Mrs Whittaker), R. Armstrong, 8-11 .. — 3

5-2 Bontecou, 3-1 Brandenbourg, Hatbox, 11-2 La Melodie, 6-1 Matinella, 10-1 Miss Peking, 20-1 others.

## Haydock Park programme

**2.30 ROYAL OAK PLATE (3-y-o : fillies : £483 : 6f)**

101 3-0 Ambient (M. Wyatt), E. Weymes, 8-11 .......... O. Gray 3
102 000003 Boating Song (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-11 J. Matthias 3 14
105 Comino Song (E. Cousins), Cousins, 8-11 .... E. Wilson 1
108 00-4320 Fastina (Dr B. Paiger), T. Corrie, 8-11 ...... D. Ryan 15
109 00-000 Golden Crier (Mrs Darby), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 T. Ives 12
110 000003 Indaber (J. Moseley), S. Brookshaw, 8-11 .............. 11
112 330-0 Lady At Leisure (Ld Polersham), F. Carr, 8-11 E. Johnson 9
113 000 Lillima (R. Porter), P. Makin, 8-11 .......... D. Cullen 4
114 0322-20 Mary Cutler (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-11 B. Raymond 6
116 3004 Our Song (Mrs Hicks), M. Prescott, 8-11 ............ — 5
117 0-0040 Petty Larceny (A. Johnstone), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 P. Eddery 13
120 0-00040 Raffmarie (B. Hills), Hills, 8-11 .......... I. Armstrong 7 8
121 000 Richardis (J. Bloomfield), G. P.-Hoblyn, 8-11 R. Baker 5 10
123 00000 Sky Miss (Mrs W. Spurgin), E. Cousins, 8-11 G. Cadwaladr 16
124 0-02034 Some Dame (M. Sandberg), R. Jarvis, 8-11 .. A. Barclay 7
126 003004 Sylvan Lady (Mrs Slade), H. Price, 8-11 ...... A. Murray 2
127 0 Warm Reception (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 8-11 .... — 17

4-1 Sylvan Lady, 9-2 Some Dame, 11-2 Boating Song, 6-1 Mary Culter, 7-1 Our Song, 10-1 Raffmarie, 12-1 Lady at Leisure, Petty Larceny, 14-1 others.

**3.0 ROUNDHEAD PLATE (2-y-o : £690 : 7f 40yds)**

201 100000 Porcupine Pie (Mrs Woolgar), K. Payne, 8-11 A. Cousins 8
202 00100 Cotillion (O. Benn), J. Powney, 8-8 .......... M. Kettle 6
204 001 Teasel (Mrs Price), H. Price, 8-8 .............. A. Murray 12
208 042220 Don Valley (C. Spence), M. W. Easterby, 8-6 B. Raymond 7
210 000 Golden Rat (C. Paxton), J. Edwards, 8-6 ............ — 5
211 Heather Cover (H. Ratcliffe), R. E. Peacock, 8-6 G. Cadwaladr 4
213 0 Just Dominic (Mrs Nuttall), P. Rohan, 8-6 .. J. Seagrave 15
217 0040 Tommy's Hope (W. Thornton), S. Hall, 8-6 A. Barclay 11
218 020000 Vairain (M. Horsman), M. Naughton, 8-6 .... P. Eddery 13
221 0 Bay Corniche (N. Chamberlain), W. A. Stephenson, 8-3 O. Gray 9
224 032222 Easby Saint (Mrs Blow), M. H. Easterby, 8-3 M. Birch 3
225 0 Elston Prince (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 8-3 ...... — 14
228 0000 Half Moon Bay (Mrs Asquith), L. Shedden, 8-3 M. Bray 7 16
234 000 Pay Roll (M. Geraghty), J. Etherington, 8-3 .... L. Brown 10
237 0300 Silent Walk (K. Payne), Payne, 8-3 .......... A. Tippling 2
238 000 Wily Kim (A. Jarvis), W. Marshall, 8-3 ...... R. Marshall 1

7-2 Teasel, 5-1 Don Valley, 6-1 Easby Saint, 13-2 Just Dominic, 9-1 Cotillion, 10-1 Vairain, 12-1 Tommy's Hope, Bay Corniche, 14-1 Silent Walk, 16-1 others.

**3.30 CAVALIER HANDICAP (£1,693 : 6f)**

301 10200-0 Glen Strae (CD) (J. Muldoon), H. Price, 4-9-7 .. A. Murray 6
302 024320 Nagin (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 3-9-0 .... E. Johnson 5
305 000003 Alphadamus (D) (Mrs Mountfield), M. Stoute, 5-8-11 B. Raymond 7
306 311014 Hel'land Jamie (CD) (W. Paul), T. Fairhurst, 3-8-11 S. Webster 5 4
307 300300 Fair Tactics (D) (T. Hammond), G. P.-Hoblyn, 5-8-10 P. Eddery 8
308 0020-00 Whoomph (C. Newland), G. Hunter, 4-8-8 J. Matthias 3 9
310 00-4010 The Guvnor (Mrs Surridge), W. Marshall, 3-8-4 R. Marshall 2
312 020000 Parbleu (D) (Mrs Kidd), A. Stevens, 6-8-2 .... S. Perks 3
314 0-04044 Bold Picture (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 3-7-8 .. I. Armstrong 7 1

9-4 Alphadamus, 4-1 Hel'land Jamie, 5-1 The Guvnor, 6-1 Nagin, 8-1 Bold Picture, Glen Strae, 12-1 Whoomph, 14-1 others.

**4.0 STUART STAKES (£572 : 2m 28yds)**

401 302003 Le Lion (M. Taylor), G. Richards, 8-11-12 Mr N. Richards 6
402 Fair View (K. Read), D. Thom, 5-11-9 ................ — 5
403 In The Money (Mrs Bowles), M. Salaman, 6-11-9 Mr J. Bowles 5 13
404 00 Irish Quicksteps (D. Patrick), S. Norton, 5-11-9 Mr S. Norton 5 8
408 03200- Lemon (M. Tate), Tate, 6-11-9 .............. Mr R. Tate 17
410 00000-0 Western Gambler (A. Price), K. Bridgwater, 3-10-9 Mr A. G. Price 5 15
411 00 Windsor Light (J. Cassidy), D. McCain, 3-10-9 Mr T. Cassidy 5 4
412 03 Abu's Girl (Mrs Nuttall), P. Rohan, 3-10-6 Mr A. Wilson 9
413 02422 Blue Chrome (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 3-10-6 Mr C. Platts 3
414 Carmel Valley (J. Johnson), Johnson, 3-10-6 Mr S. Stanhope 2
415 0 Cool Siloam (R. McDonald), W. Atkinson, 3-10-6 ........ — 11
416 0 Eagles Right (W. McDonald), J. Johnson, 3-10-6 Mr N. Henderson 10
417 Flying Flossie (Miss Marsh), J. Edwards, 3-10-6 ........ — 1
418 040 The Froddler (Ld Bolton), J. W. Watts, 3-10-6 Mr Orde Powlett 3 16
420 000 Linnhead (Mrs Willox), W. A. Stephenson, 3-10-6 Mr K. Jewett 5 14
421 0-00 Midas (G. Pratt), M. H. Easterby, 3-10-6 Mr E. Collins 12
422 200030 Philmont (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 3-10-6 Mr D. Hinks 7 7

2-1 Blue Chrome, 5-2 Abu's Girl, 100-30 Le Lion, 8-1 Philmont, 10-1 Lemon, 14-1 Midas, 16-1 others.

**4.30 TYLDESLEY HANDICAP (2-y-o : £900 : 6f)**

501 001321 Pitboy (D) (C. Murphy), F. Carr, 9-2 .... E. Johnson 9
502 220 Skip (BF) (Lord Derby), Doug Smith, 9-0 ...... P. Eddery 11
504 040 Diamond Bill (Mrs Mullion), R. Armstrong, 8-9 B. Raymond 10
505 02104 Song God (Mrs Hodges), D. Holmes, 8-8 .... T. O'Ryan 5 5
506 402112 Snapstrike (CD) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-8 A. Cousins 3
507 012002 Sindo (Mrs Pugh), R. Hollinshead, 8-7 ........ T. Ives 1
508 0100 Amora Mare (M. Johnson), J. Johnson, 8-4 .... A. Murray 8
509 01 Gentilhombre (T. Robson), N. Adam, 8-3 .... L. Charnock 5 4
510 403113 Shady Desire (A. Le Blond), T. Fairhurst, 8-0 S. Webster 5 2
511 040032 Survival (D. Lark), W. Marshall, 7-12 ........ D. Cullen 6
512 00004 Chinese Falcon (Mrs Rainey), M. Naughton, 7-6 C. Rodrigues 5 1

11-4 Snapstrike, 5-1 Survival, 6-1 Shady Desire, 13-2 Pitboy, 8-1 Gentilhombre, 10-1 Skip, 12-1 Song God, 14-1 Diamond Bill, Sindo, 16-1 others.

**5.0 CROMWELL HANDICAP (3-y-o : £897 : 1m 40yds)**

603 44-0000 Ramadour (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-5 ...... B. Raymond 1
606 432123 Queen of the South (CD) (D. Davidson), P. Walwyn, 9-1 P. Eddery 2
608 0230-00 Kangetsu (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 8-13 .... F. Morby 5
611 330433 Petite Souris (R. Cartwright), E. Carr, 8-10 .. P. Harman 7 8
612 20-1032 Cornage (B. Crabtree), J. Etherington, 8-6 J. Seagrave 7
617 0-00331 Grand Hope (R. Hawkswell), M. H. Easterby, 8-1 .. M. Birch 3
619 400241 Psalve (D. Sasse), Sasse, 8-3 .............. T. Cain 3 5
620 2-11432 Croisette (G. Reed), S. Hall, 7-12 ........ E. Johnson 6

3-1 Queen of the South, 4-1 Grand Hope, 9-2 Psalve, 5-1 Croisette, 8-1 Cornage, 10-1 Ramadour, 14-1 Kangetsu, Petit Souris.

## Beverley programme

**2.15 TOLL GAVEL HANDICAP (£345 : 1m)**

3 0001-00 Rust Borough (W. Brown), D. Doyle, 3-9-4 .... J. Egan 6
4 0 Little Burglar (R. Taylor), D. Yeoman, 4-9-3 Mrs M. Yeoman 8
6 322220 Tid (D) (Mrs Bell), Hbt Jones, 4-9-0 ........ P. Kelleher 1
10 033230 Second Nature (Mrs Etherington), J. Etherington, 3-8-11 B. Hood 7 7
14 304003 Supreme Honey (W. Perratt), W. Gray, 3-8-8 .. E. Apter 2
17 030012 Rose Petite (D) (R. Batten), K. Whitehead, 3-8-4 J. Skilling 4
20 000000 Notta Crosby (D. Raper), J. Calvert, 3-7-11 .. J. Lowe 5
21 000000 Drumadoll (G. Gladstone), R. Hollinshead, 3-7-11 M. Wigham 7 9
22 000000 Spillers Jenny (Miss Rutter), E. Magner, 4-7-11 E. Bruce 7 3

13-8 Rose Petite, 3-1 Second Nature 7-2 Tid, 6-1 Supreme Honey, 8-1 Rust Borough, 16-1 others.

**2.45 ROUTH PLATE (2-y-o : maiden fillies : £345 : 5f)**

2 003 Canicule (C. Wilmot-Smith), W. Gray, 8-11 .... E. Apter 10
3 Connaught Star (Mrs Hardacre), S. Norton, 8-11 .... — 8
5 0 Emotion (Maj M. Wyatt), H. Prescott, 8-11 .. G. Duffield 12
6 0 Golden Tribe (Mrs Steinberg), G. Toft, 8-11 B. Connorton 9
7 Jetwitch (R. Rowbottom), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 T. Walsh 7 11
9 3 Mary Garden (E. Frankel), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... P. Cook 7
12 004240 Prevailing Love (M. Styring), J. Hunt, 8-11 .... J. Lynch 6
14 Rare Occasion (J. Wareing), G. Richards, 8-11 P. Kelleher 1
15 Sari Princess (D. Kelly), W. Gray, 8-11 .. M. Hancock 7 3
17 00003 Swifigal (Mrs Raper), A. Bacon, 8-11 ........ J. Skilling 5
18 0 Vigrey (J. Hemingway), J. Etherington, 8-11 C. Dwyer 4
19 Virginia Girl (W. Ingram), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 J. Egan 3

6-4 Mary Garden, 9-2 Vigrey, 5-1 Emotion, 8-1 Golden Tribe, Prevailing Love, 12-1 Canicule, Swifigal, 20-1 others.

**3.15 SILVER SALVER HANDICAP (2-y-o : £896 : 5f)**

4 114000 Carburton (D) (Mrs Knowles), V. Mitchell, 8-8 S. Salmon 3 5
7 342202 Another Native (D) (S. Reakes), F. Carr, 8-6 .. P. Cook 3
8 0103 Donrae (D) (Mrs Fraser), W. Gray, 8-5 ...... E. Apter 4
10 00412 Miclac (D) (J. Harrison), J. Calvert, 8-1 .. S. Freeman 7 2
16 00021 Hilliana (D) (S. Head), M. W. Easterby, 7-4 .. J. Lowe 1

2-1 Another Native, 5-2 Miclac, 4-1 Hilliana, 9-2 Donrae, 13-2 Carburton.

**3.45 BEVERLEY LADIES HANDICAP (£378 : 2m)**

1 300040 B Major (D) (Miss Pratt), G. Smyth, 8-10-8 Miss Z. Pratt 9
2 113430- Viking Spirit (C) (H. Zeisel), S. Mellor, 5-10-0 Mrs M. Mellor 4
3 212100 Maris Piper (D) (S. Hill), R. Hollinshead, 3-9-12 Miss S. Hollinshead 3
4 213-420 Culzean Prince (G. Wyse), S. Norton, 4-9-5 Miss J. Chandler 3 2
5 30-0400 Crown Hotel (CD) (Mrs Hodges), D. Holmes, 5-9-5 Miss D. Sisslli 1
7 0-210 Tinivaro (D) (E. Hill), M. Pescott, 3-9-3 Miss R. Beaumont 8
8 0101-04 Beholden (C) (Lt-Cdr H. Wilson), S. Hall, 4-9-2 Mrs A. Cousins 6
10 0320-00 Wooddition (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 8-9-0 .. Miss C. Mercer 7
11 000-0 Red Song (S. Norton), Norton, 5-9-0 .... Miss K. Barlow 10
13 000- Fair Kitty (A. Milner), J. FitzGerald, 4-8-13 Miss J. Leggat 3 13
16 023402 Starla (T. Barker), J. FitzGerald, 5-8-7 Miss S. Atkinson 3 11
20 00000 Toughie (Mrs Naughton), M. Naughton, 8-8-7 Miss M. Norton 12
21 000300 Grand Attraction (G. Wallace), Wallace, 6-8-7 Miss L. Meadows 5

7-2 Tinivaro, 9-2 Maris Piper, 5-1 B Major, 6-1 Beholden, 8-1 Viking Spirit, Wooddition, 10-1 Crown Hotel, Culzean Prince 16-1 others.

**4.15 WALKINGTON STAKES (Maidens : £490 : 2m)**

3 400004 Abergwiffy (Mrs Matthews), R. Jarvis, 3-7-11 .. G. Duffield 7
4 00-0000 Bandley (C. Spence), M. W. Easterby, 3-7-11 ........ — 9
6 00-00 Boarshurst (B. Morton), R. D. Peacock, 3-7-11 A. Horrocks 3
10 000440 Caravan Centre (W. Stoker), W. Gray, 3-7-8 .. L. C. Parkes 6
11 000-00 Gala Neon (Mrs Hodges), D. Holmes, 3-7-8 .... W. Bentley 2
14 4002 Mary Kanga (N. Butler), W. Elsey, 3-7-8 .... S. Salmon 5 1
16 000320 Powdered Sugar (Mrs Firestone), R. Houghton, 3-7-8 .... — 4
17 404002 Ryhall Grange (A. Parkinson), C. Brittain, 3-7-8 J. Lynch 10
18 400200 Sally Lime (Mrs Fire), J. Ormston, 3-7-8 .... C. Eccleston 5
20 040400 Star Pupil (A. Ross), G. Smyth, 3-7-8 ........ J. Lowe 8

9-4 Ryhall Grange, 5-1 Mary Kanga, 4-1 Abergwiffy, 8-1 Powdered Sugar, 8-1 Star Pupil, 12-1 Sally Lime, 20-1 others.

**4.45 KIRKELLA HANDICAP (£611 : 1¼m)**

5 101240 Ezra (D), (J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-13 .. J. Reid 5 1
6 023343 Aldie (CD) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 3-8-12 .. G. Guest 7 2
9 00-3121 Black Fire (A. Leggat), J. FitzGerald, 4-8-7 ...... G. Oldroyd 2
14 004104- Night Nurse (R. Spencer), M. H. Easterby, 4-7-11 J. Skilling 4
15 14-4000 Salvo of Conkers (T. Johnson), J. Ormston, 4-7-11 C. Eccleston 5

7-4 Black Fire, 11-4 Aldie, 3-1 Ezra, 13-2 Night Nurse, 8-1 Salvo of Conkers.

**5.15 NORTH BAR STAKES (3-y-o maidens : £386 : 1m)**

1 020002 *Mount Blessed (A. Snipe), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 .. — 7
4 4 Censella (Duke of Northumberland), R. D. Peacock, 8-11 J. Lowe 5
5 042200 Courting Day (C. Wilmot-Smith), W. Gray, 8-11 .. E. Apter 1
6 Ensign Steel (M. Lythell), S. Wainwright, 8-11 J. Wainwright 7 3
8 32200-0 Lady of Elegance (Miss Mansfield), F. Carr, 8-11 .. P. Cook 8
9 004002 Merette (Mrs Small), W. Elsey, 8-11 ........ J. Higgins 6
10 00-000 Mountain Melody (J. Johnson), B. Lunness, 8-11 B. Connorton 4
13 0 Songerie (Mrs Leggatt), J. FitzGerald, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 2

2-1 Courting Day, 5-2 Merette, 5-1 Songerie, 6-1 Lady of Elegance, 10-1 Censella, Ensign Steel, 20-1 Mountain Melody.

*Doubtful runner.

## Fontwell Park NH

**2.0 FONS HURDLE (£441 : 2m 1f)**

3 0000-21 Bonidon (R. Pitman), Mrs Pitman, 6-12-3 ........ M. Sadler 7
4 00b000- Kellagem (Mrs Hayes), M. Hayes, 6-11-10 ........ D. Jeffries 7
5 pp300-f Set Hill (A. Neaves), Neaves, 5-11-10 .............. S. Eccles 7
6 2200-0 Sunnymede (Mrs Hunt), H. Willis, 6-11-10 ........ T. Gebbie 7
9 000040- Fair Streak (J. Rhind-Tutt), I. Dudgeon, 4-11-3 .... R. Floyd 5
11 p Princess Debra (D. Dale), Dale, 4-11-3 ............ J. Spouse 7
13 24 Tamerglow (S. MacTaggart), P. Haslam, 4-11-3 .... A. Branford
14 00f0-02 Won For John (G. Balding), Balding, 4-11-3 ........ K. Roberts 7
16 0 Maple Tree (Mrs Llewellyn), A. Jones, 5-10-0 .... G. Williams 7

Evens Bonidon, 3-1 Tamerglow, 11-2 Won For John, 8-1 Sunnymede, 12-1 Set Hill, 16-1 others.

**2.30 STANE STREET STEEPLECHASE (£388 : 2m 2f)**

1 1f11f-4 Colonius (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 6-12-5 .... A. Branford
3 30001- Banderole (D. Langdon), G. Kindersley, 11-12-0 D. Mould
4 1200p0- Legendry Rad (D. Gandolfo), Gandolfo, 11-12-0 G. Shoemark
5 p023fp- Another Marshall (Mrs Chandler), D. Gandolfo, 10-11-8 W. Shoemark
6 f0-0 Welsh Pil (A. Ripley), G. Ripley, 11-11-8 .......... G. Gracey 7

1-2 Colonius, 4-1 Another Marshall, 8-1 Legendry Rad, 14-1 Banderole, 20-1 Welsh Pil.

**3.0 BIGNOR HURDLE (Handicap : £523 : 2m 6f)**

1 00001-1 Eric (C) (T. Cornwell), V. Cross, 8-11-13 .... F. McKenna
3 223003- Bevin Boy (P. Hamlyn), M. Haynes, 7-10-12 .... D. Jeffries 7
6 00- Invincible (Mrs Riley-Smith), M. Francis, 8-10-10 P. Kelleway
7 pp0340- Just the Job (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 10-10-7 .. G. Thorner
8 00111-0 Tudor Friendship (C) (A. Aylett), Aylett, 8-10-2 .. J. Jenkins
9 00003-1 Hardivim (S. de Zoete), D. Gandolfo, 5-10-0 .. W. Shoemark
11 030003- Cingalese (Mrs O. Jackson), G. Bach, 6-10-0 .... G. McNally

2-1 Eric, 5-2 Hardivim, 4-1 Bevin Boy, 6-1 Tudor Friendship, 12-1 Just the Job, 16-1 others.

**3.30 TRUNDLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £398 : 2m 2f)**

1 44300-1 French Society (Mrs Butler), B. Wise, 9-12-9 .... Mr C. King 5
2 12041f- Mexican Frolic (W. Palmer), S. Mellor, 7-11-6 Mr G. Saunders
3 bf0244- Le Diable (G. Thomas), Thomas, 7-10-9 .......... Mr G. Jones 5
6 0- Solo Bench (J. Hind), T. Hind, 7-10-10 .......... Mr J. Hind 7
7 0p0pf- Indian Scholar (D. Lewis), Lewis, 6-10-10 ...... Mr D. Lewis 7

Evens French Society, 2-1 Mexican Frolic, 6-1 Le Diable, 14-1 Indian Scholar, 20-1 Solo Bench.

**4.0 FISHBOURNE HURDLE (3-y-o : £340 : 2m 1f)**

1 11 Anner Amanda (CD) (F. Kneen), G. Harwood, 11-6 .... C. Read
2 Blue Mystic (J. Burns), R. Swift, 10-10 ............ D. Mould
3 Captain Marker (R. Overall), C. James, 10-10 ...... A. Branford
4 3 Gold Show (F. Miller), P. Taylor, 10-10 ............ A. Carroll 7
7 Linsky (M. Soames), F. Winter, 10-10 .............. J. Francome

7-4 Anner Amanda, 2-1 Linsky, 7-2 Captain Marker, 6-1 Blue Mystic, 16-1 Gold Show.

**4.30 BOW HILL HURDLE (Handicap : £424 : 2m 1f)**

1 110423- Mark's Boy (Dr A. Jones), A. Jones, 5-11-12 .... P. Steel 7
2 2412- Tartar Rose (N. London), F. Winter, 5-11-6 .......... J. Francome
3 u4412-3 Georgie Stephens (A. Ames), D. Hanley, 4-10-10 K. Stone 5
5 Gypsy Barron (G. Sibley), Mrs Oughton, 5-10-3 .... G. Thorner
8 Kempton Lad (A. Neaves), Neaves, 5-10-0 ........ S. Eccles 7

7-4 Tartar Rose, 5-2 Georgie Stephens, 7-2 Mark's Boy, 8-1 Gypsy Barron, 12-1 Kempton Lad.

## Devon and Exeter NH

**2.30 TEINGRACE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £510 : 2[m] ...)**

1 0002-21 Bybrook (CD) (Mrs Perks), G. Balding, 7-11-12 ...
3 0f2143- Mick's Worry (R. Cooper), M. Tate, 9-11-10 ...
4 00f1- *Delly Bey (CD) (Miss Millar), W. Fisher, 13-11-...
6 0pf0-24 Darcan (C) (Mrs Hambro), L. Kennard, 9-10-...
7 10p30-3 At Last (C) (Mrs Taplin), J. Taplin, 9-10-11 Mr ...
9 32f43-3 Some Surprise (R. Arden), D. Barons, 7-10-1 ...

Evens Bybrook, 9-4 Some Surprise, 5-1 At Last, 8-1 Mick's Worry.

**3.0 AUGUST HURDLE (Handicap : £306 : 2m)**

3 4000-00 Sunrising (C) (J. Payne), Payne, 11-11-4 ........
4 4 Psidium's Gal (W. Hawke), Hawke, 8-11-4 ........
8 f0pp0-0 Just Paddy (CD) (F. Yardley), Yardley, 10-10-11 .
11 00002-2 Kilninian (Mrs Pulleyn), M. Tate, 6-10-3 ........

Evens Kilninian, 3-1 Sunrising, 5-1 Psidium's Gal, 11-2 Just Pa[ddy]

**3.30 ST DAVID'S HURDLE (3-y-o : £408 : 2m)**

2 00 Clovara (Mrs Stevens), A. Stevens, 11-0 ........
5 0 Philemore (A. West), W. Williams, 11-0 ........
7 0 Spring Lady (Mrs Nutting), N. Nutting, 11-0 ........
8 23 Tryphon (G. Hake), I. Thorne, 11-0 ..................

2-5 Tryphon, 4-1 Clovara, 10-1 Philemore, 12-1 Spring Lady.

**4.0 ALFRED GOODSON STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 2m 3f)**

3 00404-4 Irish Scholar (K. May), J. Thorne, 8-11-12 ........
4 344p0- Kerry Spirit (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Mer... 11-11-12
6 4f000-3 Saint-Lo (F. Yardley), Yardley, 7-11-12 ........
7 000-2 Sir Cacador (T. Love), J. Edmunds, 8-11-12 ........
8 f-244 Wild Chance (H. Manners), Manners, 6-11-12 Mr ...
9 00000-1 Warrenbayne Prince (Mrs Aubin), J. Gifford, 5-1...

5-4 Warrenbayne Prince, 3-1 Irish Scholar, 4-1 Kerry Spirit, [Wild] Chance, 8-1 Sir Cacador, 9-1 Saint-Lo.

**4.30 HEATHFIELD HURDLE (4-y-o : £340 : 2m)**

3 00002-4 Bags Galore (Mrs Wardle), I. Wardle, 11-0 ........
4 p0-2 Bishop's Crook (R. Horton), D. Gandolfo, 11-0 ....
5 0000- Henry's Doublet (Mrs Trundle), D. Barons, 11-0 ....
6 Harend (Mrs Jones), M. Tate, 11-0 ..................
7 30-0004 Honey Beam (S. Ratter), L. Kennard, 11-0 ........
15 004340- What a Palaver (Mrs Basham), D. Barons, 11-0 M...

9-4 Bags Galore, 3-1 Honey Beam, 4-1 Bishop's Crook, 6-1 What [a Palaver,] 8-1 Harend, 10-1 Henry's Doublet.

**5.0 DAWLISH WARREN HURDLE (Handicap : £510 ...)**

2 34003-1 Power Point (CD) (J. Hobbs), L. Cottrell, 4-11-6 ...
3 p0200-2 Psalm (CD) (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Me[...] 6-10-13
5 24000- Porter's Precinct (Miss Millar), W. Fisher, 7-10-13
7 20012-1 Cwm Castell (CD) (J. Treherne), J. Thorne, 5-1...
8 0001-0 Sarah's Choice (Mrs Ratter), K. Pipe, 7-10-10 ...
11 0000-04 Medway Melody (CD) (G. Parsons), E. Barons, 6-1...

9-4 Cwm Castell, 3-1 Power Point, 5-1 Psalm, 15-2 Porter's Pr[ecinct,] Sarah's Choice, 10-1 Medway Melody.
*Doubtful runner.

## Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Bybrook. 3.0 Kilninian. 3.30 Tryphon. 4.0 Kerry Spirit. 4.30 What a Palaver. 5.0 Power Point.

## Fontwell Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Tamerglow. 2.30 Colonius. 3.0 Eric. 3.30 French Society. 4.0 Anner Amanda. 4.30 Georgie Stephens.

## Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Sylvan Lady. 3.0 Just Dominic. 3.30 ALPHADAMUS is specially recommended. 4.0 Blue Chrome. 4.30 Snapstrike. 5.0 Queen of the South.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Some Dame. 3.30 Alphadamus. 4.30 Skip.

## Beverley selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Rose Petite. 2.45 Mary Garden. 3.15 Donrae. 3.45 B M[ajor.] 4.15 Mary Kanga. 4.45 Salvo of Conkers. 5.15 Courting Day.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Mary Garden. 3.45 Tinivaro. 4.15 Abergwiffy.

## Great Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 SELF SATISFIED is specially recommended. 2.45 Messe[nger Boy.] 3.15 Marchant. 3.45 Forgets Image. 4.15 Star Reform. 4.45 [...]

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Merry Brummel. 2.45 Soldiers Tale. 3.15 Marchant. 3.4[5 Forgets] Image. 4.15 Grove's Boy. 4.45 Bontecou.

## Epsom results

2.0 (2.1) CHESSINGTON STAKES (£565: 1m 2f)
Jetador, b f, by Queen's Hussar—Swift Justice (J. Morton), 3-8-5 B. Jago (3-1) 1
Sotos, ch c, by Continuation—Sky Charm (J. Walker), 3-8-5 F. Durr (5-2 fav) 2
Harvey Wallbanger, ch c, by Yellow God—Glancarrig (Mrs D. Westcott), 3-7-12 D. Gillespie (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Loot, 6-1 Hamish (4th), 8-1 Lofty Dreamer. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 19p, 15p; dual forecast, 37p. W. Wightman, at Upham. ¾l, 4l. 2min 10.18sec. King's Walk did not run.

2.35 (2.37) LADAS STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £580: 6f)
Mountain Rescue, ch f, by Mountain Call—Succeed (Mrs D. Bowles), 8-11 .... G. Lewis (40-85 fav) 1
Air Trooper, ch c, by King's Troop—Aries (S. Digby), 9-0 F. Durr (16-1) 2
Liquidity, ch f, by Richboy—Andromache (Mrs M. Johnston), 8-11 ............ B. Jago (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Tien An Men (4th), 16-1 Snapper, 20-1 Countess Ragusa, Lord Elect, 33-1 Acacia Pride, Strip Fast. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11p, 25p, 30p; dual forecast, 97p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 5l, 1l. 1min 11.14sec.

3.10 (3.11) STEVE DONOGHUE HANDICAP (£1,181: 1¼m)
Buckie, ch g, by Crocket—Cullen (Mrs E. Barker), 5-7-7 R. Fox (5-2) 1
Outrage, br h, by Crocket—Dynaminx (Mrs F. Tower), 5-7-5 K. E. Smith (85-40 fav) 2
Fair Camilla, b m, by Tiger—Monamolin (J. Manley), 7-7-7 D. Dineley (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Belper (4th), 12-1 Pink Palace, 14-1 Dusky Lin. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 16p, 17p; forecast, 71p. A. R. Turnell, at Marlborough. 1l, 6l. 2min 37.8sec.

3.40 (3.42) HEATHCOTE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £792: 7f)
Heracles, b c, by Breeders Dream—Papillon Rouge (C. Ayres), 9-0 ........ F. Durr (9-2) 1
Rockorama, gr c, by Double-U-Jay—Quarry (W. Scott), 8-4 G. Lewis (11-8 fav) 2
Double Mask, ch c, by Double Jump—Mow Meadow (W. Maskell), 7-12 .......... R. Fox (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Orina (4th), 14-1 Lammergeier. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; forecast, 82p. I. Walker, at Newmarket. Nk, 3l. 1min 24.61sec. Tien An Men did not run.

4.15 (4.16) FETCHAM HANDICAP (£797: 1¼m)
Gloss, br h, by Stupendous—Highlight (D. Blackburn), 5-10-0 .. G. Lewis (6-5 fav) 1
In the Balance, b f, by Sir Ivor—Match Point (R. Tikkoo), 3-7-7 R. Fox (7-2) 2
Aldis, ro g, by Goose Creek—Elegy (P. Mellon), 9-8-1 B. Reilly (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Makinlau (4th), 13-2 Verity's Request. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; forecast, 61p. T. A. Corbett, at Newmarket. ¾l, 2l. 2min 8.32sec.

4.45 (4.47) REDHILL STAKES (3-y-o: £608: 7f)
Sally Prince, b g, by Continuation—Empress of Scotland (D. Toomey), 8-9 I. Jenkinson (11-2) 1
Nalanda, br c, by Compensation—Derring May (R. Tikkoo), 9-0 F. Durr (10-1) 2
Evros River, b g, by Forlorn River—Fergus Lily (M. Lemos), 8-7 N. Fielden (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Calhive, 3-1 God Willing (4th), 10-1 Gold Fire, 14-1 Windmill Boy, 33-1 Barleycroft Star, Major Money. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 90p; places, 30p, 28p, 39p; dual forecast, £2.01. R. Smyth, at Epsom. 2½l, 3l. 1min 23.67sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Buckie, Gloss, £4.06. TREBLE: Mountain Rescue, Heracles, Sally Prince, £13.65.

## Ripon

2.15 (2.19) CURFEW HANDICAP (£426: 5f)
Fairgold, ch c, by St Alphage—Gold Ingot (J. Shepherd), 4-8-4 S. Salmon (4-1 fav) 1
Penny Pincher, b m, by Constable—Midnight Dollar (Mrs R. Watson), 5-8-13 E. Eldin (5-1) 2
Jamar, br f, by Kashmir II—Sole Sauvage (J. Sears), 4-8-3 A. Barclay (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dizy Dave, Relative Ease, 8-1 Sally Jane, 10-1 Coming About, 12-1 On The Turn (4th), 25-1 Two Ronnies. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 19p, 21p, 22p; dual forecast, 94p. C. Bisey, at Malton. ¾l, 4l.

2.45 (2.48) BOROUGHBRIDGE PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £414: 5f)
Night Glow, br f, by Firestreak—Enchanted Evening II (R. Sangster), 8-8 G. Cadwaladr (11-4 fav) 1
Midnight Movie, br f, by Punchinello—Little Sica (Mrs F. McBain), 8-8 .. J. Lowe (14-1) 2
Solar Saint, ch g, by St Alphage—Luna (M. Warwick), 8-8 E. Apter (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Catch Me Up, 11-2 Still Windy, 12-1 Moorman, 13-1 Roadshow, 14-1 Superpack (4th), 25-1 Boreal Belle, 33-1 Brewmaster, Redhill Lads, Market Town, Stewart Lindsay. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 15p, 25p, 27p. E. Cousins, at Tarporley. 1½l, hd. Winner bought in for 1,350gns.

3.15 (3.17) WAKEMAN HANDICAP (£804: 2½m)
Mr McMandy, b g, by Mandamus—Miss McWorden (E. Holland-Martin), 5-9-2 J. Seagrave (7-2) 1
Miss Osprey, ch f, by Sea Hawk II—Lady Cledagh (L. Marler) 4-9-0 A. Bond (9-4 fav) 2
Man Alive, gr g, by Falcon—Twinkletoes (H. Patchett), 4-9-7, E. Johnson (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 New Henry (4th), 6-1 Boco, 12-1 Galah Bird. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 20p, 18p; forecast, £1.28. J. Ormston, at Richmond. 2½l, 3l.

3.45 (3.47) WENSLEY PLATE (2-y-o: £518: 6f)
Sienna, b f, by Richboy—Saufina (E. Driffield), 8-8, E. Johnson (evens fav) 1
Corriefeol, br f, by Jaipur—Easily Fooled (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), 9-3 A. Bond (6-5) 2
Lucia, b f, by Lorenzaccio—Angelic (Mrs N. Murless), 8-3 A. Barclay (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-1 Tommy's Own. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; forecast, 25p. E. Waymes, at Middleham. Nk, 2l. Peta, Ashabit did not run.

4.15 (4.17) MARKET CROSS HANDICAP (£665: 1m)
Oswaldkirk, ch c, by Busted—Caerphilly (Mrs N. Murless), 4-8-12, .... A. Barclay (2-1 fav) 1
Brother Somers, ch h, by Will Somers—Freya (F. Kneen), 8-8-7 G. Starkey (5-1) 2
Kenco, ch h, by Espresso—Gedeparnilla (Mrs V. Haigh), 9-9-7, C. Fairhurst (9-2) .... 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Caius, 8-1 Fiery Coin (4th), 11-1 True Compensation, 33-1 Montage. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 18p, 24p; dual forecast, 48p. N. Murless, at Newmarket. 7l, ¾l.

4.45 (4.47) HARROGATE PLATE (3-y-o: £518: 1½m)
Glenthorne, b c, by Tower Walk—Esker Rose (W. Swindon), 9-0 G. Starkey (11-2) 1
Peterhof, ch g, by Royal Palace—Raymonda (H. Gould), 8-11 A. Barclay (5-4 fav) 2
Riesling, b c, by Ragusa—Glass House (J. Hayter), 9-0 F. Morby (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Darling Eve, 17-2 Ramanni, 12-1 Rope Dancer, 14-1 Blak-En-Bloo, Spring Fling (4th), 25-1 Twenty One, 50-1 Karl's Fire, Venetian Blind, Emperor Star, Le Jet, Well Bottled. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 19p, 14p, 56p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. ¾l, 4l.

5.15 (5.18) BOROUGHBRIDGE PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £414: 5f)
Tyralena, br f, by Tyrant—Absulene (Mrs A. Fawkes), 8-3 J. Reid (13-8 fav) 1
Aldbrough, b c, by Sky Gipsy—Sovereign Again (Mrs M. Hall), 8-11 ........ J. Seagrave (9-2) 2
Yodeller's Dream, ch c, by Mountain Call—Rose of Damascus (G. Ashton), 8-11 G. Cadwaladr (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Worthy Star, 7-1 Daves Equal, 12-1 Fast Fig, Middlestone Lady, 20-1 Betsy May, Kimlee, 25-1 Selenas Dancer, Coatham (4th), Mulet, Our Emilie. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 14p, 14p, 33p. T. Molony, at Melton Mowbray. 1½l, 2l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Mr McMandy, Oswaldkirk, £6.00. TREBLE: Night Glow, Sienna, Tienthorne, £14.95.

## Chepstow

2.15 (2.16) FOREST PLATE (£511: 1m 2f)
Gold Dragon, b g, by Goldhill—Ruddy Drake (Mrs T. Young), 3-9-2 ........ G. Baxter (9-4) 1
Mullion, b c, by Crocket—Tartar's Star (G. Peter-Hoblyn), 3-8-11 A. Murray (10-1) 2
Ann's Grey, gr c, by My Swanee—Sea Gipsy (B. Stripp), 4-9-12 W. Carson (4-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Ballyveleur, 11-2 Oltrimismo (4th), 6-1 Sams Swanee, 10-1 The Partner, 11-1 Haut Girl, 14-1 Philision. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 21p, 51p, 20p; dual forecast, £4.44. E. Reavey, at Wantage. Nk, 4l. Winner bought in for 1,500gns.

2.45 (2.48) CASTLE PLATE (2-y-o maidens: £311: 7f)
Conciliation, ch f, by St Paddy—Mitigation (Ld Rotherwick), 8-11 J. Mercer (6-4 fav) 1
Bravade, b f, by Blast—Rhodia (R. Henley), 8-11 W. Carson (6-1) 2
Queneila, gr f, by Roan Rocket—Queen of Arisal (Maj M. Wyatt), 8-11 ...... P. Waldron (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Venetian Palace (4th), 8-1 My Candy, 10-1 Proverbial, Damnation, 12-1 Double Moss, 14-1 Regal Palmist, Sigh Baby, 25-1 Alison's My Girl, Bella Rosetta, Belle Record, Brightest and Best, La Ventas, Pride of Penrose, Super Jennie, Tidal Dance. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 15p, 22p, 25p. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. ½l, 1½l. Frivolity did not run.

3.15 (3.15) LYSAGHT HANDICAP (3-y-o: £850: 2m)
Prima Bella, ch f, by High Hat—Belleek (S. Weal), 8-10 P. Eddery (15-8 fav) 1
French Princess, b f, by Prince Regent—Queen Dido (Mrs L. Ross), 9-8 W. Carson (11-10 fav) 2
Premier Cru, ch c, by Henry the Seventh—Alydes (Mrs D. Anderson), 8-11 .... J. Mercer (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 33-1 Pipers Wait. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; forecast, 33p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 1l, 15l.

3.45 (3.56) LION'S LODGE HANDICAP (£470: 5f)
Whiffenretz, br f, by Whiffenpoof—Haveting (F. Freeman), 4-8-2 G. Duffield (8-2 fav) 1
Rilramble, br g, by Ribero—Bramble (H. Copsey), 5-8-7 P. Cheese (13-2) 2
Haberdasher, ch c, by Habitat—Fleeting Interest (Sir B. Waley-Cohen), 3-7-11 R. Baker (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 31 Another Fiddler, 6-1 The Seleetan, 12-1 Vibration, 14-1 Spanish Nun (4th), Fishy Tale, Sillins Pride, 16-1 September Star, 20-1 Noirmont Point, Oliz's Mead. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 18p, 30p, 38p. F. Freeman, at Bath. 1½l, sht hd.

4.15 (4.22) BERKELEY HANDICAP (£517: 7f)
Winged Dagger, b h, by Falcon—Gay Natasha (W. Parry), 6-7-12 ...... G. Duffield (14-1) 1
Whirlow Green, b g, by Crocket—Word from Lundy (J. Colver), 4-9-4 ...... M. Kettle (11-2) 2
Primer, ch c, by Prominent—Bellaria (D. Hodges) 3-8-2 W. Carson (5-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Safety Catch, 6-1 Nor Bars, 7-1 Tree Paeony, 8-1 Wolds Way, 12-1 Farewell Bisso, 14-1 Straight Cue (4th), 16-1 Gold Tipped, 20-1 Wind River. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £4.80; places, 42p, 20p, 16p. J. Old, at Salisbury. 6l, hd. Arctic Rascal did not run.

4.45 (4.50) RIVER PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £414: 1m)
Nae Bird, b f, by Birdbrook—Right Barnie (Ld Strathalmond) 8-11 bl .... P. Cook (11-8 fav) 1
Keep Pace, ch c, by Tower Walk—Mossy (C. Loyd) 9-0 bl D. Cullen (11-1) 2
Tackling, b c, by Hard Tack—Sweet Rose Nose (A. Thorne) 8-11 ........ T. Cain (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Town Jester, 13-2 Rush Hour, 7-1 Bassoulaire, 8-1 Night Air (4th), 12-1 Hamstone, Manhir, 25-1 Rising Flight, Lord Con, Clondean, Graftham, Regal Renour, Silly Socket. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 14p, 40p, 75p. F. Cundell, at Aston Tirrold. 1l, 5l. Roussillon, Academic World, Melody Rose, Trekkelo did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Prima Bella, Winged Dagger, £36.60. TREBLE: Conciliation, Whiffenretz, Nae Bird, £4.70.

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2.0 (2.1) LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £386: 5f)
Kashville, b c, by Kashmir II—Wold Lass (G. Greenwood), 8-13 M. Strumonite (5-2 jt fav) 1
Silver Camp, b f, by Silver Shark—Royal Camp (Mrs R. Mason), 7-8 W. Higgins (4-1) 2
Singing Time, b c, by Manacle—Five Minutes (Mrs G. Neal), 8-5 .. T. O'Sullivan (5-2 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Chaplin (4th), 6-1 Will-He-Venture. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; forecast, £1.25. A Stevens, at Colerne. 3l, 1½l.

2.30 (2.32) ALCESTER STAKES (2-y-o: £452: 7f)
Party Song, ch f, by Crocket—Hataway (J. Hardy), 8-11 C. Moss (10-1) 1
My Wallie, b c, by Marcus Brutus—Snow Boots (W. Watts), 9-0 G. Oldroyd (8-1) 2
Gilken Queen, ch f, by Quisling—La Toscanilla (Mrs M. Fearn), 8-11 ...... B. Raymond (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Tamia Scott, 4-1 Phantom Ace, 7-1 The Haunted Major, 10-1 Maximot (4th), 14-1 Skiddy Dance, 33-1 Chinz God, Sadedah, Privy Moss, Saddlers Queen. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.07; places, 26p, 27p, 19p. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 1l, 1½l.

3.0 (3.2) GROVE PARK HANDICAP (2-y-o: £545: 7f)
Ribble Rouser, ch c, by Marcus Brutus—Ribble Reed (W. Watts), 7-5 ........ R. Lewis (13-2) 1
Va-Presto, b f, by Goldhill—Va Bene (Mrs S. Strinati), 7-12 D. Maitland (20-1) 2
Andy Rew, b c, by Lear Jet—Chantel-Gold (G. Marshall), 8-3 J. Lynch (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Paper Rich (4th), 8-1 Mr Resistor (pu), 8-1 Admiral Count, 9-1 Put Hunter, 14-1 Aintree Pals, Field Marshall, 33-1 F[...] 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 17p; dual forecast, £3.69. Watts, at Bridlington. 1½l. Mayfair Angel did not run.

3.30 (3.35) KINETON PLA[TE] (£545: 5f)
Heavens Hill, b f, by Sass[...] Past Tense (H. Blagrave[...]) I. Johnson (7-[...])
Gresham Girl, b f, by Rish[...]—Granville Greta (J. N[...]) 8-7 ........ N. Crowther [...]
Walnut Trail, ch f, by Silk[...] Royal Nutmeg (Dr T. Cl[...]) 9-0 ........ B. Taylor [...]
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Deb (4[th]), Jasilu, 20-1 Serralita, 25-1 [...] Stepping Stones, Sunflight. [...]
TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 21p; dual forecast, £2.11. N[...] at Marlborough. Hd, 4l. Co[...] wanda, Raffle did not run.

4.0 (4.0) HONILEY H[ANDICAP] (£486: 1½m)
Ivar, b g, by Tacitus—G[...] (G. Greenwood) 4-8-12 S. Perks [...]
Tribe, br h, by Alcide—[...] (J. Whitehouse) 5-7-11 K. Lewis (10[...])
Alnsie Highway, b h, by [...] sign Path—Kittimat (E. P[...]) 6-6-11 M. L. Thomas (11-10)
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Archell Sergeant, 20-1 Fiffs (4th), W[...] fire, Trackers Request. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 89p; places, [...] 14p; dual forecast, £1.50. A. [...] at Colerne. 1½l, 1½l.

4.30 (4.30) PANORAMA HA[NDICAP] (3-y-o: £468: 1m 2f)
Aunt Jean, ch f, by [...] Nephew—Genoveva (Mrs [...] Marton) 8-5 L. G. Brown (9-4 [...])
Red Fox, ch c, by Red G[od]—China Maid (H. Blagrave) [...] I. Johnson [...]
Gay Man, ch c, by Lord Ga[yle]—His Polina (R. Tikkoo) 8-[...] R. Raymond (7[...])
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Wensell, Ville Ds, 8-1 Company Sergeant, Sally Native, 12-1 Silver Shoon, 25-1 Wriggling. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win 27p; places, 18[p], 30p; dual forecast, 47p. J. [...] ran, at Malton. 2l, 1l.

5.0 (5.1) LEAMINGTON SPA [...] (3-y-o maidens: £345: 1m)
Jamie, ch c, by Shooting Cha[r]—Sara's Star (J. Sorland) [...] T. McKeown (1[...])
La Dauphin, b c, by Sias [...] Vauchellor (A. Swift), 9-0 B. Taylor (7-4 [...])
Our Prince, br c, by Prince Bee—Villa Marina (D. Robinson) 9-0 ........ B. Raymond (7[...])
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Vigors (4th), Duty Dance, 16-1 Harvest Bird, Christie Burns, Charlie Battle, [...] Lad, Royal Bus, Dures. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.76; places, 36[p], 18p. N. Adam, at Melton Mo[wbray.] Hd, ...
TOTE DOUBLE: Ribble Rouser, £29.30. TREBLE: Party Song, R[...] Hill, Aunt Jean, £19.70.

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# obbs hits astest ntury since 920

MSFORD: The Australians Essex by 98 runs.

in Hobbs, of Essex, scored a ry in just 44 minutes against Australians yesterday. It was astest hundred since Percy r's all-time record of 35 es for Surrey against North-nshire in 1920, and is the fastest in cricket history. The hundreds are:

M. Fender (Surrey), 100 in 35 utes against Northamptonshire at hampton, 1920.
Jessop (Gloucestershire), 101 in minutes against Yorkshire at rogate, 1897.
Jessop (Gloucestershire), 100 in minutes for Gentlemen of South nst Players of South at Hastings, 7.
Hornby (Lancashire), 100 in 43 tes against Somerset at Man-ter, 1905.

previous fastest hundred season was also on this d. In May, a team colleague, hit a century in 58 minutes st Leicestershire.

bs, aged 33, equalled the ous highest score of his 14-career—100 against Glamor-n 1968. Admittedly, most of uns yesterday came off two bowlers tossing up the ball the end of a high scoring which produced 1,280 runs nly 28 wickets and which the ng team won comfortably. But s still a remarkable display ting by Hobbs, a leg-break r himself, who repeatedly d down the pitch to drive his spin bowlers. Mallett (off s) and Higgs (leg breaks). made his first fifty in 32 tes, and then beat this with 12 minutes before being t in the deep for 100, which ded seven sixes and 12 fours. last fifty included six sixes came off 15 balls as follows: 1, 4, 6, 6, 0, 6, 1, 2, 1, 0, 6.

June, 1938, C. I. J. Smith, ng for Middlesex against estershire at Bristol, scored 18 minutes, with his first 50 ng in only 11 minutes. In C. Inman made 51 in only minutes for Leicestershire st Nottinghamshire at Trent ge, including 32 in an over full tosses were presented to to hit.

terwards Hobbs said: "I t out there determined to have od slog and to entertain the d. I had no idea I was beat-Boyce's time because I had no e of time. The Australians ed along with the spirit of game, and I was fully aware were tossing the ball up for to hit and I did my best to ge."

rdie, who batted through the x innings of 254 for 88 not in 136 minutes, also hit two plus seven fours. Unfortu-ly Essex were without two nen, Fletcher and Edmeades, ause of injury and illness res-vely. Hobbs and Hardie put 33 in 44 minutes, and from ast 26 balls before Hobbs fell, s and Mallett were ham-d for 88 runs, the peak ng when Mallet conceded 27 in one over.

e Australians added 125 runs 0 minutes of the morning on before their acting captain, h, made the third declaration e match. Alan Turner added two to his overnight 116, but rs (61 not out) and Marsh not out) made the early ration possible with brisk g.

STRALIANS: First Innings, 345 dec (B. M. Laird 127, R. rds 101).
Second Innings
rner, c Acfield, b Turner .. 118
Laird, c Smith, b Turner .. 72
N. Walker, l-b-w, b Lever .. 1
wards, c and b Acfield .. 14
Walters, not out .. 61
W. Marsh, not out .. 39
ras (b 2, l-b 6, n-b 7) .. 15
otal (4 wkts dec) .. 325
J. Gilmour, R. D. Robinson, Thomson, J. D. Higgs, A. A. did not bat.
L OF WICKETS: 1—185, 2, 3—202, 4—257.
WLING: Lever, 17—6—18—1; 20—5—62—2; Gooch, 13—0; Acfield, 22—4—86—1; 11—0—73—0.

EX: First Innings, 358 for 8 dec McEwan 71, G. A. Gooch 68, Boyce 79).
Second Innings
Hardie, not out .. 88
mith, c Higgs, b Thomson .. 24
McEwan, hit wkt, b Thomson .. 3
Gooch, l-b-w, b Walker .. 0
ner, c Turner, b Walker .. 11
Royce, c Robinson, b Walker .. 11
S. Hobbs, c Laird, b Higgs .. 100
Lever, c Thomson, b Higgs .. 0
Acfield, st Robinson, b llett .. 10
A. Edmeades, absent ill .. 0
R. Fletcher, absent injured .. 0
as (l-b 4, w 1, n-b 2) .. 7
tal .. 254
L OF WICKETS: 1—42, 2—58, 4—95, 5—109, 6—242, 8—251.
LING: Thomson, 7—0—35—2; 12—2—45—3; Higgs, 13—0 2; Mallett, 7.4—1—76—1.
ires: A. Jepson and P. B.

# rvey-Walker ides to quit

byshire's 31-year-old bats-Ashley Harvey-Walker, is to first-class cricket. Harvey-r has told Derbyshire that he not wish to be considered new contract for next , but may be available in encies.

rey-Walker, who made his in 1971, scoring a century first match against Oxford sity, plans to devote more o his business.

# agh declaration

Pellinore, Lester Piggott's ed mount in the St Leger caster is among 14 runners ed at the four-day stage for andford Stakes, to be run mile and a half at the h next Saturday.

# wyn fined

Walwyn picked up a £25 penalty for failing to run nd Ashabit in the Wensley at Ripon yesterday. The is ruled that the Lambourn had mad ean error by his horses in at the over-eclaration stage.

# son breaks leg

t Robson, whose career as y has been dogged by mis-, broke his left leg in an t at exercise yesterday. It more than a year since broke the same leg.

# emans pulls out

Puttemans, of Belgium, rld 5,000 metres record has withdrawn from the tional meeting at Crystal (sponsored by Coca-Cola) ng a recent tonsils opera-

# ting

INI ISLAND: 10 square metre orld championship, third race: Lundgren (Sweden); 2, M. (Sweden); 3, L. Johannsson 4, M. Lind (Sweden); 5, (GB); 6, W. Biddle (GB).

# Luckhurst successful in a curious way

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

FOLKESTONE: Kent (3 pts) drew with Surrey (6).

There was really no way of *knowing from the way Kent were* captained yesterday afternoon that to keep in the race for the championship they more or less had to win. Brian Luckhurst's prime interest seemed to be to deny Surrey, and in this he was successful. For both sides, therefore, the day brought a lessening *of championship hopes*. The present position is:—

| | | P | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Yorkshire | 18 | 192 |
| 2. | Hampshire | 17 | 190 |
| 3. | Surrey | 17 | 180 |
| 4. | Lancashire | 17 | 177 |
| 5. | Leicestershire | 16 | 172 |
| 6. | Essex | 16 | 171 |
| 7. | Kent | 16 | 161 |

After Kent had spent four hours 10 minutes making 243 for six in their second innings, they left Surrey to get 330 in three hours and three-quarters. Kent's likeliest matchwinner was Underwood. By the time Luckhurst brought him on Surrey were 133 for no wicket and Kent had bowled 31 *overs. It made not the slightest* sense, especially when, during the last hour, Underwood was to be seen spinning away with four, five and finally six close fielders. For the greater part of the Surrey innings only Knott and perhaps one other had been within 30 yards of the bat.

So long as Butcher stayed with *Edrich, and Kent made no great* effort to get them out, Surrey were in the hunt. Edrich played well, showing no signs of injury, which is good news for England. His 129 not out was the 94th hundred of his career, his fourth of the season. Having kept Surrey up with the clock, while he had the help of Butcher, he *finished* by holding Kent at bay.

When Jarvis bowled Butcher, Surrey wanted another 183 in 55 minutes plus the last 20 overs. With some useful strikers of the ball still to come, it was a proposition. Yet in the half hour between Butcher's going and the tea interval not a single run came at the other end to Edrich. Howarth batted 17 balls for nought; Younis spent 18 balls getting off the mark. With Aworth and Roope both being out in the first over of the last hour, Skinner's instructions were to block out time, which he did.

In going for runs during the morning, Kent lost six wickets for 119 in two hours and a quarter. Only Shepherd had much success in getting the ball away, some of his cover driving revealing his great strength. These are the times to be bowling is what the bowlers say; the times when wickets are being thrown away. The lucky one now was Butcher, who was given the first over of the day and had taken four for 35 when he came off. Butcher bowls left arm over the wicket at medium pace, beneath a mop of fair hair. He bats left handed, quite aggressively. He had a splendid day.

Of those, other than Edrich, who will be reporting at The Oval today to prepare for tomorrow's Test match, Arnold would have nothing good to say about the Folkestone pitch. Knott was soon out, trying to hurry; Woolmer took 85 minutes to make 19, without looking a Test batsman. Underwood spent most of the day waiting to bowl, though he was quickly among the wickets when he did so.

Roope, for some reason, batted below Aworth while there *was* still an outside chance of Surrey winning (132 from the last 20 overs with seven wickets left); he failed to score. Twice in this match he was caught off bat and pad. He is wearing some new-fangled rubber pads that are especially *light* and *on* this evidence dangerously resilient. The ball fairly pings off them, as though it was a game of bagatelle. It would not have surprised me yesterday had they lit up as the ball jumped to Julien in the gully.

KENT: First Innings, 371 for 8 (Asif Iqbal 121, B. W. Luckhurst 91; R. D. Jackman 4 for 87).
Second Innings
*B. W. Luckhurst, c Skinner, b Butcher .. 67
G. W. Johnson, c Skinner, b Butcher .. 82
Asif Iqbal, c Arnold, b Butcher .. 9
R. A. Woolmer, b Arnold .. 19
B. D. Julien, c Aworth, b Jackman .. 4
†A. P. E. Knott, c Intikhab, b Butcher .. 3
J. N. Shepherd, not out .. 43
M. C. Cowdrey, not out .. 5
Extras (b 4, l-b 4, n-b 3) .. 11
Total (6 wkts dec) .. 243
R. W. Hills, D. L. Underwood, K. Jarvis, did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—132, 2—154, 3—169, 4—175, 5—183, 6—218.
BOWLING: Arnold, 16—1—64—1; Jackman, 13—2—44—1; Roope, 8—2—31—0; Pocock, 16—6—30—0; Intikhab, 5—1—15—0; Aworth, 4—0—15—0; Butcher, 14—5—35—4.

SURREY: First Innings, 285 for 9 (L. E. Skinner 76 not out).
Second Innings
*J. H. Edrich, not out .. 129
A. R. Butcher, b Jarvis .. 62
G. P. Howarth, b Underwood .. 0
Younis Ahmed, b Shepherd .. 5
C. J. Aworth, c Woolmer, b Underwood .. 1
G. R. J. Roope, c Julien, b Underwood .. 0
†L. E. Skinner, not out .. 8
Extras (b 8, l-b 10, w 2, n-b 11) .. 31
Total (5 wkts) .. 236
Intikhab Alam, R. D. Jackman, G. G. Arnold, P. I. Pocock did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—147, 2—154, 3—183, 4—196, 5—197.
BOWLING: Jarvis, 13—1—40—1; Shepherd, 12—3—40—1; Woolmer, 9—3—32—0; Johnson, 11—3—36—0; Underwood, 18—4—35—3; Julien, 5—1—9—0; Cowdrey, 3—0—13—0.
Umpires: R. E. Barnard and D. G. L. Evans.

# A mere two wickets fall in day at Leeds

By Peter West

*LEEDS: Yorkshire* (4 pts) *drew with Lancashire* (7)

There were moments yesterday when it seemed just possible that we should witness a grandstand finish with Yorkshire succeeding in achieving a target of 331, set them by Clive Lloyd's declaration, in three hours and 20 minutes plus *20 overs in the last hour. But it* became clear from early in the proceedings that Lloyd was less concerned with the hope of victory than with the intention of stopping the old enemy from winning, and yet another Yorkshire-Lancashire match petered out in a frustrating draw.

The pitch remained a batsman's paradise. The scorched outfield was lightning fast. Only two wickets fell all day—and both of those were genially surrendered in a chase for quick runs. There was some criticism that Lloyd delayed his declaration by perhaps as much as half an hour. However, in retrospect, he may be glad that *he offered Yorkshire no longer* tenure of this pitch.

Lloyd kept Lee going at one end for over three and a half hours. Lever and Ratcliffe shared the other for most of the innings—for the latter part of their efforts with no slip. The field was spread defensively, as of a Sunday afternoon. In one hour, either side of tea, Lancashire bowled a *miserable* total of 13 overs. No spin was forthcoming until the fourth over of the last hour.

So Yorkshire were frustrated, and Boycott had satisfaction only in achieving his sixth hundred of the summer and his seventh in this fixture. He came to it, with a late barrage of strokes against Sim*mons and Hughes*, in three hours and three-quarters shortly before the stumps were pulled out without recourse to the last half hour. Yorkshire were still 112 runs short.

Only Lee, who found his outside edge two or three times, gave Boycott any sort of trouble in what was otherwise an impeccable display. Lee's 27 overs should have assured him of a good night's sleep. His persistence, stamina and accuracy earned him Lancashire's thanks.

Thirty-four runs off the first nine overs, when Lee had brief-lived difficulty with line and length, got Yorkshire briskly out of the starting blocks. But with Lee and Ratcliffe settling into an accurate groove, Boycott and Lumb were restricted to only 66 in the first 95 minutes of the afternoon. However defensive the outcricket, their approach in this period demanded greater urgency. Boycott scored 14 successive singles. Both batsmen played as if enjoying a gentle net.

The tempo changed, of a sudden, as tea approached, with 51 in the next 45 minutes. Lumb, who had kept pace with his captain, was forcing the ball through the onside gaps with some regularity when he tried it once too often and was leg-before to Lever. He and Boycott had made 144 for the first wicket.

Old's arrival at No 3 was a clear indication of militant Yorkshire intent, but he was unable to gather a swift momentum and at tea 180 were still wanted at something over six an over. With Lancashire bowling only six overs in the next 25 minutes, the requirement as the last hour began was 155.

Lloyd and his fellow left-hander, Kennedy, hustled along at a fine pace when Lancashire resumed first thing at 74 for 2, with a lead of 213.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings, 340 for 5 (F. C. Hayes 101, C. H. Lloyd 100, F. M. Engineer 54).
Second Innings
†F. M. Engineer, b Old .. 0
A. Kennedy, not out .. 80
F. C. Hayes, b Old .. 20
*C. H. Lloyd, c Robinson, b Cooper .. 82
B. W. Reidy, not out .. 3
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, n-b 2) .. 6
Total (3 wkts dec) .. 191
J. Abrahams, P. Lee, D. P. Hughes, J. Simmons, P. Lever, R. M. Ratcliffe did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—37, 3—175.
BOWLING: Old, 15—1—61—2; Robinson, 13—5—55—0; Cope, 12—1—35—0; Cooper, 10—0—35—1.

YORKSHIRE: 201 for 7 dec (C. Johnson 76, C. M. Old 57; P. Lever 4 for 32).
Second Innings
*G. Boycott, not out .. 105
R. G. Lumb, lbw, b Lever .. 70
C. M. Old, not out .. 29
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, w 3, n-b 6) .. 15
Total (1 wkt) .. 219
A. Sidebottom, J. H. Hampshire, C. Johnson, P. Carrick, †D. L. Bairstow, H. P. Cooper, G. A. Cope, A. L. Robinson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—144.
BOWLING: Lever, 15—1—31—1; Lee, 27—5—89—0; Ratcliffe, 13—2—35—0; Simmons, 3—0—18—0; Hughes, 3—1—13—0.
Umpires: J. G. Langridge and B. J. Meyer.



Boycott: his seventh century in a Yorkshire-Lancashire match.

## County championship

| | P | W | L | D | Big | Big | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yorks (11) | 18 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 52 | 60 | 192 |
| Hants (2) | 17 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 39 | 61 | 190 |
| Surrey (7) | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 51 | 59 | 180 |
| Lancs (8) | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 47 | 60 | 177 |
| Leics (4) | 16 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 48 | 44 | 172 |
| Essex (12) | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 50 | 51 | 171 |
| Kent (10) | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 46 | 55 | 161 |
| Glam (16) | 17 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 37 | 57 | 154 |
| Northants (3) | 16 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 31 | 62 | 153 |
| Worcs (1) | 17 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 48 | 54 | 142 |
| Middx (6) | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 39 | 49 | 138 |
| Derby (17) | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 29 | 58 | 137 |
| Warwick (9) | 17 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 40 | 55 | 135 |
| Somerset (5) | 16 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 41 | 53 | 124 |
| Glouce (14) | 17 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 53 | 120 |
| Notts (15) | 16 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 47 | 53 | 120 |
| Sussex (13) | 17 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 33 | 53 | 106 |

1974 positions in brackets.

# Warwickshire fail despite determined swish of tail

By Alan Gibson

*BIRMINGHAM: Hampshire* (18 *pts) beat Warwickshire* (7) *by* 113 *runs.*

It was the 20th over after 5 o'clock when Hampshire took the last Warwickshire wicket. There would have been time for one or two more, because Hampshire had been bowling their overs quickly, but they had been nearly denied by a prolonged, determined effort by the later Warwickshire batsmen.

Abberley, who played an innings he will always remember, was still there. Roberts had limped from the field a quarter of an hour earlier. Just as we were thinking that Warwickshire might save it now, Abberley gently popped a ball from Southern to the gulley, and all the Hampshire fieldsmen, crowded round the bat, were leaping and laughing and patting one another on the back.

Hampshire began at 80 for one, and declared at 200 for five. Richards, Jesty and Gilliat scored most of the runs. This was a fair declaration, setting Warwickshire to score 336 in 270 minutes. The pitch was responding to spin, but so slowly that batsmen concerned only with survival were not likely to be in difficulty: hence the pickle on the carrot (I do not use the metaphor lightly. *I* once knew a donkey who disdained carrots unless they were spread with a spoonful of pickle).

Warwickshire certainly were ready to go for the runs, and had the batsmen to do it, but their first three wickets fell for 22: Jameson caught in the gully off Roberts, Amiss bowled by Roberts from an inside edge, Kallicharran bowled by Rice, middle stump. With those three gone, Warwickshire had to defend, at least for the time being.

None the less, Hampshire kept bowling them out. Southern, their young left-hander, broke through the middle batting. Whitehouse played staunchly, but Sainsbury, Hampshire's old left-hander—and it must please him to have so promising a successor in sight—lured him into an unnecessary swipe, and up went a catch to the close field. That was 84 for 7.

We were looking up tea-time trains. I told the correspondent of *The Guardian* that I would join him in his commentary box as soon as the eighth wicket fell. It was my secret plan to take him a woe-laced cup of tea, and unlock his lips, because I suspect he knows the whereabouts of Darley Dale.

But, Darley Dale remains a mystery, for by the time the eighth wicket did fall, he was long in the past. Once more the head of the Warwickshire batting did less than its tail, or perhaps it would be better to say its thighs, or—happy phrase of the philosopher Jesty—its lower abdomen.

Abberley and Hemmings put on 94 for that eighth wicket, playing with a resolution which a frustrated Hampshire must have found thoroughly abdominal. Hemmings was out in Roberts's last fling, and Perryman in the same over. Fifteen overs left, but Abberley was going well, and his captain, who now joined him, is not a man to be easily flustered. Abberley's 100th *was fortunate in that he picked up* some easy runs—if it went past the close field it was probably four—but for the second time, batting at No 7, he showed his quality.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 417 for 9 (R. M. C. Gilliat 106, D. R. Turner 87, M. N. S. Taylor 63, P. J. Sainsbury 50; E. E. Hemmings 4 for 145).
Second Innings
C. G. Greenidge, b Brown .. 8
B. A. Richards, c Brown, b Perryman .. 75
D. R. Turner, c Kanhai, b Perryman .. 28
T. E. Jesty, l-b-w, b Hemmings .. 51
*R. M. C. Gilliat, c Whitehouse, b Oliver .. 18
M. N. S. Taylor, not out .. 9
P. J. Sainsbury, not out .. 4
Extras (l-b 7) .. 7
Total (5 wkts dec) .. 200
J. M. Rice, †G. R. Stephenson, A. M. E. Roberts, J. Southern did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—111, 3—120, 4—183, 5—200.
BOWLING: Brown, 16—3—71—1; Perryman, 14—2—54—2; Hemmings, 8—2—25—1; Oliver, 6—1—33—1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 282 (A. I. Kallicharran 62, R. B. Kanhai 52, E. E. Hemmings 69 not out).
Second Innings
J. A. Jameson, c Gilliat, b Roberts .. 4
D. L. Amiss, b Roberts .. 6
J. Whitehouse, c Rice, b Sainsbury .. 39
A. I. Kallicharran, b Rice .. 3
R. B. Kanhai, b Southern .. 0
†D. L. Murray, c Taylor, b Southern .. 4
R. N. Abberley, c Greenidge, b Southern .. 105
P. Oliver, c Gilliat, b Southern .. 0
E. E. Hemmings, c Jesty, b Roberts .. 38
S. P. Perryman, c Turner, b Roberts .. 2
*D. J. Brown, not out .. 1
Extras (b 11, l-b 5, w 4) .. 20
Total .. 222
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—17, 3—22, 4—33, 5—45, 6—81, 7—84, 8—178, 9—180, 10—222.
BOWLING: Roberts, 17—10—14—4; Rice, 18—7—44—1; Southern, 39—18—100—4; Sainsbury, 18—9—34—1; Jesty, 3—2—1—0; Richards, 5—0—9—0.
Umpires: W. L. Budd and C. Cook.

# Snow has best figures of career

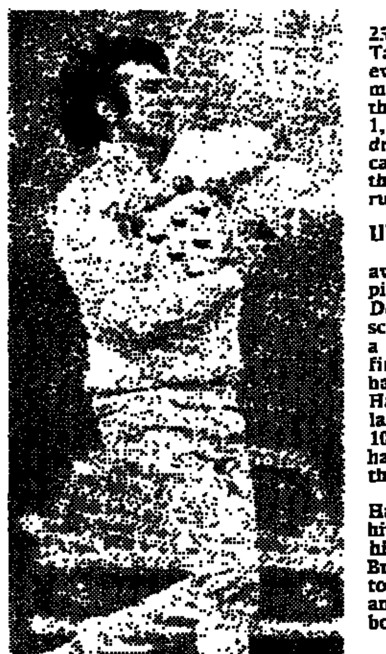
John Snow worked himself into the right mood at Lord's yesterday for the last Test with the Australians when he finished with eight wickets in an innings for the first time in his 14-year first-class career.

After his devastating spell of six for 25 in 41 balls on Monday evening, he conceded 46 runs yesterday in collecting the other two wickets and some may still consider his seven for 29 against the West Indies in 1966 his best performance.

His latest effort carried Sussex to their second win in the championship this season—both over Middlesex. They beat them by 188 runs at Hove in early May. This time the victory was by eight wickets.

Snow, and the other five bowlers tried by Greig in many permutations, were held up by two bowlers, Edmonds and Titmus, in a praiseworthy eighth-wicket stand of 87 in 96 minutes.

Sussex were left requiring 92 for victory and there were some anxious moments before Graves made the winning hit in mid-afternoon.



Snow: in the right mood for fourth Test.

**Northampton**

*Leicestershire boosted* their championship chances by coasting to a comfortable nine-wicket victory over Northamptonshire. Leicestershire needed 152 to win and scored them without trouble, thanks chiefly to a successful unbeaten second-wicket stand of 119, by Steele and Balderstone.

The pair came together after Gower (21) had fallen to Willey. Balderstone might have been stumped before he scored, but after that the pair gave no chance. Steele scored 67 not out, with seven fours, and Balderstone hit 10 boundaries in his unbeaten 58.

The successful bowling of the Leicestershire captain, Illingworth, eased their task. He took five for 20 in 21.2 overs, with 12 maidens, and Northamptonshire were all out for 175. Northamptonshire's last four wickets fell for 18, with Illingworth taking three for eight in 5.1 overs.

**Swansea**

An amiable pitch at Swansea had the final say as Glamorgan's match with Worcestershire petered out into a tame draw. After a Worcestershire declaration at 247 for four, Glamorgan scored 186 for six when the match was called off with five of the 20 overs in the final hour remaining.

Glamorgan began well, scoring at four an over, but without Majid Khan the innings gradually lost its momentum. The Glamorgan captain was suffering from a painful sty on the eye and did not appear until six wickets had fallen.

Earlier the Worcestershire opening batsman, Ormrod, had become the third century maker in the match. He hit 124 with disciplined batting on a pitch which remained unresponsive to speed and spin throughout.

**Taunton**

Slocombe and Taylor made centuries as Somerset finished with 377 for three in a dull draw against Nottinghamshire. Somerset started yesterday with 38 for no wicket—still 89 behind—and Slocombe, hitting a six and 18 fours to make 132 in 232 minutes, led a first wicket partnership of 214 with Taylor.

When the scores were level only 250 minutes of play remained. Taylor, slow for long periods, eventually reached 127 in 325 minutes with 12 fours, becoming the first Somerset player to reach 1,000 runs this season. With a *draw inevitable, Denning* went carefully to 59 not out. During the match 16 wickets fell for 1,112 runs.

**Ilkeston**

Gloucestershire, struggling to avoid bottom place in the championship table, failed to prise out Derbyshire after setting them to score 319 to win in 250 minutes on a turning pitch. Derbyshire finished with 216 for five after half centuries by Phil Sharpe and Harvey-Walker. They began the last hour needing 123, but were 103 runs short when play was halted by the captains with 17 of the final 20 overs gone.

*Derbyshire had some hope while* Harvey-Walker was going well, hitting seven fours and a six for his half century in 69 minutes. But Brown's declaration always seemed to put victory beyond Derbyshire and, in the event, left his own bowlers with too little time.

Earlier Derbyshire had extracted maximum benefit from the pitch to dismiss Gloucestershire for 206, with their off spin bowler, Venkataraghavan taking six for 54, including a spell of six for 19.

## Lauda tests tyres

Monza, August 26.—Niki Lauda is testing various tyres here in preparation for the Italian Grand Prix on September 7. Lauda, aged 26, can win his first world title if he finishes in the first six here, or if Reutemann, of Argentina, fails to win.—AP.

## Tate returns

Richard Tate, a former leading amateur National Hunt jockey, returns to race riding today after a break of seven years, when he teams up with Lemon in the Stuart Amateur Stakes at Haydock Park. Richard, the son of Martin Tate, the trainer, was forced to give up his promising riding career after receiving head injuries in a fall.

## Jackpot reopened

The Tote reopen the Jackpot at Haydock Park today with a guaranteed minimum pool of £15,000.

## Derby v Gloucester

AT ILKESTON

Derbyshire (6pts) drew with Gloucestershire (8).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 379 for 7 dec (A. W. Stovold 106, R. D. V. Knight 101, Zaheer Abbas 65).
Second Innings
Sadiq Mohammad, c Venkataraghavan, b Swarbrook .. 19
†A. W. Stovold, l-b-w, b Swarbrook .. 25
Zaheer Abbas, c Sharpe, b Venkataraghavan .. 48
R. D. V. Knight, l-b-w, b Swarbrook .. 9
D. R. Shepherd, c Russell, b Venkataraghavan .. 36
J. C. Foat, c Russell, b Venkataraghavan .. 40
*A. S. Brown, l-b-w, b Venkataraghavan .. 5
D. A. Graveney, c Russell, b Venkataraghavan .. 1
J. H. Shackleton, not out .. 6
J. Davey, b Venkataraghavan .. 1
J. H. Childs, st Taylor, b Swarbrook .. 0
Extras (b 2, l-b 6, n-b 8) .. 16
Total .. 206
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—46, 2—55, 3—84, 4—134, 5—162, 6—178, 7—192, 8—201, 9—203, 10—206.
BOWLING: Ward, 12—1—26—0; Swarbrook, 33.1—3—78—4; Russell, 4—2—12—0; Venkataraghavan, 26—7—54—6; Stevenson, 4—1—20—0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 267 (P. J. Sharpe 57, J. B. Bolus 54; D. A. Graveney 8 for 86).
Second Innings
P. J. Sharpe, c Knight, b Graveney .. 52
J. B. Bolus, c Shepherd, b Graveney .. 31
M. H. Page, st Stovold, b Childs .. 29
A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Childs .. 57
A. Hill, b Davey .. 15
F. W. Swarbrook, not out .. 18
*†R. W. Taylor, not out .. 13
Extras (b 2, l-b 1, n-b 1) .. 4
Total (5 wkts) .. 216
S. Venkataraghavan, P. E. Russell, A. Wood, K. Stevenson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—56, 2—110, 3—145, 4—175, 5—203.
BOWLING: Davey, 12—3—36—1; Shackleton, 4—1—12—0; Graveney, 27—11—54—2; Brown, 2—1—8—0; Childs, 25—9—54—2; Sadiq, 15—6—40—0; Zaheer, 2—0—7—0; Knight, 4—3—1—0.
Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and P. Wight.

## Middlesex v Sussex

AT LORD'S

Sussex (16 pts) beat Middlesex (1) by eight wickets.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 136 (J. Spencer 4 for 36).
Second Innings
M. J. Smith, c Graves, b Snow .. 44
*J. M. Brearley, b Snow .. 10
C. T. Radley, l-b-w b Phillipson .. 5
N. G. Featherstone, b Snow .. 3
G. D. Barlow, c Mansell, b Snow .. 0
I. Gould, b Snow .. 4
†J. T. Murray, l-b-w, b Snow .. 1
P. H. Edmonds, b Greig .. 61
F. J. Titmus, c Mansell, b Snow .. 31
T. M. Lamb, not out .. 26
M. W. W. Selvey, b Snow .. 5
Extras (b 3, l-b 3, n-b 1) .. 7
Total .. 255
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—87, 2—96, 3—99, 4—105, 5—113, 6—126, 7—127, 8—214, 9—232, 10—255.
BOWLING: Spencer, 13—4—14—0; Greig, 26—9—75—1; Snow, 27—1—87—8; Waller, 20—11—30—0; Barclay, 3—1—12—0; Phillipson, 15—3—28—1.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 298 for 9 (J. J. Groome 86, P. J. Graves 101).
Second Innings
J. R. T. Barclay, not out .. 27
J. J. Groome, c Radley, b Edmonds .. 34
A. E. W. Parsons, c Radley, b Featherstone .. 19
P. J. Graves, not out .. 24
Extras (b 10) .. 10
Total (2 wkts) .. 94
*A. W. Greig, M. J. J. Faber, J. A. Snow, †A. W. Mansell, C. E. Waller, J. Spencer, C. P. Phillipson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—23, 2—52.
BOWLING: Selvey, 1—0—7—0; Titmus, 13—6—26—0; Edmonds, 15—9—25—1; Featherstone, 6.3—1—26—1.
Umpires: D. J. Constant and T. W. Spencer.

## Minor Counties

CHIPPENHAM: Wiltshire, 195 for 2 dec (R. G. Cooper 88 not out) and 7 for no wkt; Somerset II, 225 for 3 dec (J. Lloyds 60 not out, V. Marks 62).
EXMOUTH: Cornwall 78 (P. Considine 5 for 41, D. I. Yeadsley 5 for 30); Devon, 173 for 5 (D. Toseland 5 for 50).

## Nothants v Leicester

AT NORTHAMPTON

Leicestershire (18pts) beat Northamptonshire (5) by nine wickets.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 171 (J. F. Steele 6 for 55).
Second Innings
R. T. Virgin, c Tolchard, b Higgs .. 3
G. Cook, c Higgs, b Steele .. 14
D. S. Steele, st Tolchard, b Illingworth .. 60
*Mushtaq Mohammad, b Birkenshaw .. 22
P. Willey, c Dudleston, b Illingworth .. 37
R. G. Williams, c Dudleston, b Illingworth .. 10
†G. Sharp, b Steele .. 6
Sarfraz Nawaz, c Higgs, b Steele .. 0
A. Hodgson, c and b Illingworth .. 0
B. S. Bedi, c and b Illingworth .. 5
J. C. J. Dye, not out .. 0
Extras (b 10, l-b 9) .. 19
Total .. 175
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—3, 2—43, 3—78, 4—136, 5—150, 6—157, 7—161, 8—161, 9—174, 10—175.
BOWLING: Booth, 7—2—25—0; Higgs, 7—2—9—1; Steele, 24—7—50—3; Balderstone, 21—6—32—0; Birkenshaw, 9—2—14—1; Illingworth, 21.2—12—20—5; McVicker, 4—2—6—0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 195 (R. Illingworth 75 not out).
Second Innings
J. F. Steele, not out .. 67
D. Gower, c Virgin, b Willey .. 21
J. C. Balderstone, not out .. 58
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 2) .. 8
Total (1 wkt) .. 154
B. F. Davison, *R. Illingworth, †R. W. Tolchard, B. Dudleston, J. Birkenshaw, N. M. McVicker, P. Booth, K. Higgs, did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—35.
BOWLING: Sarfraz, 4—1—11—0; Dye, 2—0—4—0; Willey, 10—2—33—1; Bedi, 23—5—49—0; Mushtaq, 6.4—1—26—0; Hodgson, 5—0—19—0.
Umpires: R. Julian and D. Oslear.

## Second XI competition

MANCHESTER: Lancashire II, 218 (H. Pilling 74) and 125 for 1 (P. Tipton 65); Yorkshire II, 271 (D. Padgett 76, M. K. Bore 36, J. Edmonds 4 for 56).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire II, 209 for 9 dec and 179 for 4 dec (M. Schepens 82, J. Tolchard 54); Worcestershire II, 162 (G. D. McKenzie 4 for 27, P. Clift 4 for 29) and 117 for 4 (N. Cook 4 for 29). Match drawn.
ROEHAMPTON: Surrey II, 216 for 5 dec and 202 for 9 dec (J. E. Emburey 4 for 60); Middlesex II, 163 for 6 dec and 210 (M. W. Gatting 74). Surrey II won by 45 runs.

## Glamorgan v Worcester

AT SWANSEA

Glamorgan (4pts) drew with Worcestershire (5).

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 300 for 2 dec (G. M. Turner 154 not out, K. W. Wilkinson 54, J. M. Parker 57 not out).
Second Innings
J. A. Ormrod, c Majid Khan, b Davis .. 124
K. W. Wilkinson, l-b-w, b Nash .. 2
J. M. Parker, c E. Jones, b Ellis .. 47
T. J. Yardley, b Davis .. 19
Imran Khan, not out .. 42
B. L. D'Oliveira, not out .. 7
Extras (l-b 6) .. 6
Total (4 wkts dec) .. 247
G. M. Turner, †G. R. Cass, J. D. Inchmore, *N. Gifford, B. M. Brain did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—155, 3—175, 4—218.
BOWLING: Cordle, 8—3—19—0; Williams, 13—1—60—0; Ellis, 17—4—53—1; Davis, 32—5—86—2; Nash, 10—3—23—1.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 300 for 3 dec (A. Jones 65, Majid Khan 170 not out).
Second Innings
A. Jones, b Inchmore .. 9
G. P. Ellis, c Wilkinson, b Brain .. 8
R. C. Davis, c Yardley, b Gifford .. 31
J. A. Hopkins, c Gifford, b D'Oliveira .. 12
L. W. Hill, b Gifford .. 40
J. W. Solanky, not out .. 31
†E. W. Jones, c Inchmore, b Gifford .. 28
*Majid Khan, not out .. 4
Extras (b 2, n-b 1) .. 3
Total (6 wkts) .. 186
A. E. Cordle, M. A. Nash, D. L. Williams did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—20, 3—57, 4—61, 5—114, 6—182.
BOWLING: Brain, 5—0—10—1; Inchmore, 3—0—9—1; D'Oliveira, 9—0—25—1; Gifford, 18—4—66—3; Parker, 11—0—73—0.
Umpires: H. D. Bird and J. F. Crapp.

## Somerset v Notts

AT TAUNTON

Somerset (6 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5).

SOMERSET: First Innings, 304 for 4 dec (B. C. Rose 115 not out, I. V. A. Richards 77, P. W. Denning 55).
Second Innings
†D. J. S. Taylor, c Rice, b Latchman .. 127
P. A. Slocombe, c Smedley, b Latchman .. 132
P. W. Denning, not out .. 59
I. V. A. Richards, b Wilkinson .. 23
B. C. Rose, not out .. 19
Extras (b 6, l-b 9, n-b 2) .. 17
Total (3 wkts) .. 377
*D. B. Close, G. I. Burgess, I. T. Botham, D. Breakwell, H. R. Moseley, A. A. Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—214, 2—296, 3—330.
BOWLING: Stead, 14—5—29—0; Wilkinson, 20—6—49—1; White, 38—16—60—0; Latchman, 35—5—119—2; Taylor, 5—1—10—0; Johnson, 36—8—87—0; Harris, 3—3—5—0; Hassan, 1—1—0—0; Randall, 1—0—1—0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 431 (M. J. Harris 163, B. Hassan 66, M. J. Smedley 61).
Umpires: A. E. Fagg and W. E. Alley.

## Today's cricket

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Northamptonshire (11.0 to 6.30).
FOLKESTONE: Kent v Somerset (11.0 to 6.30).
LORD'S: Middlesex v Warwickshire (11.0 to 6.30).
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire (11.30 to 7.0).

SECOND XI COMPETITION
HOVE: Sussex II v Hampshire II.
MANCHESTER: Lancashire II v Yorkshire II.

MINOR COUNTIES
EXMOUTH: Devon v Cornwall.
CHIPPENHAM: Wiltshire v Somerset II.
BURTON-ON-TRENT: Staffordshire v Durham.

Rowing

# Ireland make history by not coming last

By Jim Railton

Although there were some suspicious wind-shadows on Nottingham's Holme Pierrepont course last week, conditions yesterday were almost as perfect as one could wish on the opening day of the men's heavyweight world rowing championships. The heats, with a second chance for survival for every "unsuccessful" crew yesterday were a game of cat and mouse for potential medal winners.

Sometimes the weaker animal was allowed a false sense of confidence with a temporary inspirational run reaching refuge in the heats against his predators. But the real game perhaps begins in today's repêchages with the first sparks from the clash of some heavy armament before Friday's semi-final round.

The day opened, however, with some unusual shock treatment for the East Germans. The new polar bears from the Soviet Union, the coxed four, are anchored by the world champions, Eshinov and Ivanov. Eshinov, from Leningrad, stretches up to 6ft 5in and casts an enormous *shadow with his 17* stone of muscle. The Russians took the East German world champions apart.

With a low and steady gait, they commanded from the beginning to come home with a lead of almost two lengths. The dispirited world champions scraped desperately to hold off the West German world bronze medal winners for second place. The opening heat yesterday contained five crews of final class standard (with the gold, silver and bronze medal winning countries in contention).

It also included Britain's coxed four, who performed more or less as I expected. Lying in third place at 1,500 metres, a length outside the Soviet Union, they slipped back to fourth place at the beginning of an economy run. I think the East Germans recognize here already that the title is likely to travel even farther to the east.

The Irish, too, made personal history in the second heat of the coxed fours. They led surprisingly to 1,400 metres *and held on to* finish third by the space of one hundredth of a second ahead of New Zealand. It is the first time an Irish rowing crew have beaten an opponent in a men's international rowing championships. Only the first in each heat of the coxed fours gained a passport to the final on their first application.

Britain's world bronze medal winners—Baillieu and Hart—in the double sculls might have appeared, too, to throw away a golden opportunity when they finished fourth in their opening heat with as many as three crews to qualify. The British double were second at the halfway stage but then slipped *back to finish fourth behind the* Italians, Bulgarians and the Soviet Union Olympic champions, Timoshinin and Korshikov. It was a run difficult to comprehend at first and to which the British double had "no comment" at the finish of the race. Janousek, the national coach, shrugged off what appeared to be a British disaster.

With the skill of a talking computer, he attempted to explain a complicated system. "It is better to finish second or fourth in the heat for the optimum semi-final round, assuming the British double win their repêchage today." It is difficult to explain to patriotic home supporters. I have always found facing eight X's on a football coupon easier than figuring out the intricacies of heats and repêchges in international rowing.

Still the Irish supporters have arrived here, which guarantees perpetual action. I realised this approaching the entrance of the press "refreshment" tent when I was swept aside by an emerald *green avalanche of non-rowing* Irish press, moving at speed after their extended medicinal "sun-up."

Their hero the single sculler, Sean Drea, was on the course against "one of the baby faced challengers", 19-year-old Martin Winter, of East Germany. The Irish reported the races as nobody else could do—"while Drea's rivals went off like the clappers, Drea moved into action almost with the same speed as an Irishman at closing time." But it was only a temporary delay before Drea took up the slack and, holding Winter at bay, breezed across the line. However, with three *scullers in this race to qualify,* it was only a preliminary examination.

The "new Kolbe", of West Germany, and the frustrated "Diamonds" man Ibarra (Argentina) were the other heat winners. Unless there is some unlikely temperamental dark horse such as Dietz (US), the single sculls is a *title within the reach of three* potential kings—Drea, Kolbe and Winter. A glance of the East German twin brothers, the Landvoigts, yesterday in the coxless pairs was sufficient for one to make a preliminary bow of respect and equally, too, the East Germans' "perfect machine" in the coxless fours.

But what is going to happen in the eights? The two most impressive crews of the day were the Soviet Union and New Zealand, who both won their heats. The surprise crew was the Australians, who finished second behind the Russians, ahead of East Germany in the fourth fastest time of the day. One can hardly believe that the East German eight with the fifth fastest time of the day (despite their world best performance this year) are going to struggle for the last place in Saturday's final.

Only the out of range chauvinist (depending upon one's nationality) would believe so. But with betting interest for the first time in the history of the world championships circulating with a possibility of Ladbroke's opening a book on Saturday's final, one awaits with interest. My bet in favour of East Germany began to waver yesterday.

Having watched the resurrection of the "tombstone" four, who won the lightweight coxless silver medal last Sunday, paradoxically it was the "quad with a plod" who were the only British crew to progress direct to the semi-final round at the first attempt yesterday in the quadruple sculls. They may now be given a more polite handle. That was certainly an improvement, too, in the right direction.

But gloom has not set in yet. In today's repêchages, five of the British crews fight for survival. Before there is panic for the lifeboats, I think most are already saved.

# Results of first round

COXED FOURS (winners to final, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, USSR, 6mins 35.95sec; 2, E Germany, 6:40.80; 3, W Germany, 6:41.57; 4, GB, 6:43.21; 5, US, 6:58.11; 6, France, 7:4.84. Heat 2: 1, Czechoslovakia, 6:43.12; 2, Romania, 6:46.54; 3, Ireland, 6:47.85; 4, NZ, 6:47.86; 5, Canada, 6:52.57; 6, Yugoslavia, 6:53.51.

DOUBLE SCULLS (first three to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, F. Biondi and S. Ferrini (Italy), 6:55.19; 2, J. Valichev and L. Stoianov (Bulgaria), 6:55.63; 3, A. Timoshinin and G. Korshikov (USSR), 6:57.51; 4, C. Baillieu and M. Hart (GB), 7:2.30; 5, R. Reddel and W. Newlon (Australia), 7:25.54. Heat 2: 1, J. Dreifke and J. Burlow (E Germany), 6:55.00; 2, N. Kolbe and H. Wöler (W Germany), 6:55.84; 3, C. Imbert and J. M. Izart (France), 6:50.26; 4, O. Maisiorovic and Z. Pancic (Yugoslavia), 7:18.08; 5, F. Schefler and E. Tams (Mexico), 7:18.84. Heat 3: 1, F. and A. J. Hansen (Norway), 6:50.57; 2, J. Straka and V. Lacina (Czechoslovakia), 6:58.48; 3, P. Willems and D. Vermeesch (Belgium), 7:5.48; 4, M. Verlin and L. Klecatsky (US), 7:25.91.

COXLESS PAIRS (first three to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, B. and J. Landvoigt (E Germany), 7:11.35; 2, M. Knapek and V. Caska (Czechoslovakia), 7:17.61; 3, G. Geourguiev and V. Stoev (Bulgaria), 7:18.73; 4, G. Kolesnik and R. Kurmatov (USSR), 7:25.15; 5, I. Oanta and D. Grimezescu (Romania), 7:47.95. Heat 3: 1, A. Slusarski and J. Broniec (Poland), 7:19.41; 2, A. Mansin and R. Bergen (Canada), 7:22.32; 3, Z. Celent and D. Mrduljas (Yugoslavia), 7:22.96; 4, D. Sturge and H. Clay (GB), 7:26.96; 5, J. F. Molina and J. J. Tuma (Argentina), 7:27.31. Heat 3: 1, L. Ahonen and K. Hanska (Finland), 7:20.14; 2, J. van der Horst and W. Boeschoten (Netherlands), 7:21.53; 3, W. Miller and J. Moroney (US), 7:25.93; 4, W. Ringwald and A. Gortix (W Germany), 7:28.05; 5, M. S. and J. S. Bustamante (Spain), 7:36.53.

SINGLES SCULLS (first three to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, S. Drea (Ireland), 7:37.85; 2, M. Winter (E Germany), 7:38.62; 3, P. Wolf (Austria), 7:39.25; 4, B. Bagaci (Italy), 7:52.06; 5, R. Poilin (France), 7:58.01. Heat 2: 1, P. M. Kolbe (W Germany), 7:45.93; 2, J. Dietz (US), 7:48.74; 3, H. Svensson (Sweden), 7:52.41; 4, C. Dohembreus (Belgium), 8:1.70. Heat 3: 1, R. D. Ibarra (Argentina), 7:36.19; 2, P. Karppinen (Finland), 7:36.65; 3, N. Dovgan (USSR), 7:41.30; 4, R. Alexander (Australia), 8:2.52; 5, W. Scollie (Canada), 8:10.40.

COXED PAIRS (winners to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, Poland, 7:41.55; 2, Denmark, 7:50.71; 3, Australia, 7:52.29; 4, France, 7:53.21; 5, Canada, 8:0.35; 6, Hungary, 8:1.25. Heat 2: 1, E Germany, 7:43.52; 2, Czechoslovakia, 7:50.82; 3, Italy, 7:55.29; 4, Netherlands, 7:56.25; 5, Bulgaria, 8:1.30. Heat 3: 1, W Germany, 7:37; 2, Yugoslavia, 7:41.52; 3, US, 7:42.18; 4, Romania, 7:46.90; 5, USSR, 7:47.80.

COXLESS FOURS (winners to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, E Germany, 6:37.12; 2, Czechoslovakia, 6:37.52; 3, USSR, 6:30.53; 4, Finland, 6:54.84; 5, Belgium, 6:57.81; 6, W Germany, 6:54.34. Heat 2: 1, Romania, 6:30.82; 2, GB, 6:41.46; 3, Netherlands, 6:51.57; 4, Ireland, 6:55.31; 5, Hungary, 7:2.22. Heat 3: 1, USSR, 6:37.01; 2, France, 6:42.37; 3, Switzerland, 6:45.35; 4, Italy, 6:48.89; 5, Spain, 6:49.40.

QUADRUPLE SCULLS (first three to semi-final round, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, Czechoslovakia, 6:13.81; 2, Bulgaria, 6:20.84; 3, GB, 6:25.86; 4, Switzerland, 6:32.13; 5, Canada, 6:54.09. Heat 2: 1, E Germany, 6:7.84; 2, USSR, 6:11.03; 3, France, 6:20.10; 4, Denmark, 6:24.25. Heat 3: 1, NZ, 6:20.73; 2, Poland, 6:25.10; 3, W Germany, 6:27.75; 4, US, 6:32.20.

EIGHTS (winners to final, remainder to repêchage): Heat 1: 1, USSR, 5:50.01; 2, Australia, 5:52.55; 3, E Germany, 5:53.71; 4, Poland, 6.0.39; 5, W Germany, 6.7.93; 6, Netherlands, 6:12.65. Heat 2: 1, NZ, 5:50.52; 2, Czechoslovakia, 5:56.72; 3, US, 5:58.57; 4, Canada, 5:59.12; 5, GB, 6:5.22.

Golf

# Armour leads qualifiers in Irish open event

Donald Armour shot a 66, his best score in tournament golf, but was "not really surprised" to lead the qualifiers for the £25,000 Irish open championship at Elm Park, near Dublin, yesterday.

The 19-year-old Edinburgh-born Scot, attached to the Turnberry Hotel, led the 66 qualifiers who will join the exempted stars in the competition *proper which* starts at Woodbrook tomorrow.

"Naturally I am very happy to qualify", said Armour. "But I have been playing well for some time so I am not really surprised by this score." Armour, a professional for two and a half years, won the West of Scotland cham*pionship earlier this season.*

He had three birdies in halves of 34 and 32, holing putts for two's at the eighth and 17th and rolled in one of six feet at the 11th.

Gary Cullen, 20, and Kevin Suddards, 22, led the qualifiers at Woodbrook with six under par 68's.

Cullen, who lives in Kenya, spends about six months in Britain every year attached to the Stoke Poges club as a tournament professional. He played his round cautiously, using irons to play up at long holes, but still managed to come home in a five *under par 31 with five birdies.*

Suddards, the former South African stroke play champion from Durban, made his score in an outward half of 34, which included four birdies.

Tom Watson, the 26-year-old American who won the British open title at Carnoustie in July, played his *first practice round* over the course. "I was three or four over par and played very badly", he said. "I am still suffering from jet lag and my balance is terrible. I had 12 hours' sleep last night and that is very unusual for me.

"If conditions stay as they are the scoring will be very low but if there is wind, and I hope there is, it could make it very *interesting.*"

**Elm Park**

66—D. Armour.
68—G. Burroughs, D. L. Ingram, W. J. Wilkinson, J. Martin, P. L. Cowen, B. W. Ellis, A. Whiston, P. Murphy, W. Todd.
69—S. Cox, I. J. Mosey, G. W. Logan, V. E. Baker.
70—K. S. Dabson, J. O'Flynn, B. Murphy, T. C. Maltman, J. Craddock, T. W. Homer, A. Skerritt, A. P. Thompson, T. Halpin, R. Weir, W. T. Milne.
71—S. Bonham, J. D. Pierse, W. Humphreys, H. Bannerman, P. Goldthorpe, E. Dunne, H. Duggan, N. Cassidy.

**Woodbrook**

68—G. Cullen, K. Suddards.
69—D. K. Webster, I. S. Le Brocq, M. King.
70—J. McTear, S. Roller, K. Thomas.
71—A. Carter, C. A. Price, H. Ashby, C. H. Bloice, C. Moody, R. Morris, J. Rigley.
72—P. Posnett, C. Greene, H. W. Muscroft, P. Simms.
73—R. P. Fyfe, G. Egan, P. Mulcare.
74—B. Ellis, D. Pugh, J. E. Murray, R. McCormack, D. G. Moore, D. J. Smyth, H. Jackson, R. S. Fidlar, G. Smith, K. Brown.
75—R. D. Carter, P. Maitland.

New York, Aug 25. — Al Geiberger moved up from ninth to sixth place in the professional golfers' earnings table after his win in the tournament players championship at Fort Worth on Sunday. His victory earned him $50,000 (£23,800) and brought his total *this year to $170,957* (£81,400).

# SPORT

Athletics

## Opposition could be too strong for Walker

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Even if John Walker, New Zealand's world record holder for the mile, can survive the next two frantic days of interviews and photo-calls he could still be beaten by stiff opposition over a mile in the International Athletes' Clubs meeting (sponsored by Coca-Cola) at Crystal Palace on Friday.

Yesterday, Walker, who ran 3min 49.4sec for the mile earlier this month in Sweden, talked for more than an hour to British reporters, did three broadcasts, and then went for relaxation to see the film *Confessions of a Pop Performer* before moving on to a television studio. At home he is slightly familiar with this kind of pace as he works as an advertisement salesman for independent radio. But he still remarked to me: "If it goes on like this, I could be stuffed by Friday."

The hustling programme could conceivably let in a man like Michael Boit, of Kenya, with a chance of victory. Walker believes that at least three of the runners in Friday's field, apart from himself, are capable of between 3min 51sec and 3min 52 sec. But anything as fast as that, let alone faster, "could depend upon what happens in the third lap. I'm not too worried about being beaten because it can always make you come back stronger the next time. In this European three-month tour I've had 14 races, and lost three—over 800 metres to Boit, over two miles to Liquori and 1,500 metres to Rod Dixon. All three will be running against me on Friday."

Walker has survived the long absence from home by having a pleasant base in Sweden in a private home rather than a series of bleak hotel rooms. He has always had at least ten hours of sleep but also has found relaxation by going out for a beer or a dance or even fishing.

"You can't live like a robot. No, I'd much rather be an athlete than a rugby player. Then it's up to you yourself. You've got to get yourself out of bed on a Sunday morning, maybe with a bit of a hangover, to do your training. But then you run and sweat all the grog out, come back, have a shower, then a good meal and a beer, and you feel so great." Walker, who was at pains to point out that he weighs only 11st 11lb and not the 13st previously reported, spoke highly of the chances of Brendan Foster in next year's Olympic 1,500 metres though added that his fellow New Zealander, Dixon, had a remarkable range of good performances from 800 metres up to cross-country. Walker himself intends to try for both the 800 and 1,500 metres in Montreal next year.



John Walker running in the streets of London yesterday.

Football

## Bonetti returns from America to assist Chelsea

Peter Bonetti, given a free transfer by Chelsea at the end of last season, has rejoined them on a monthly basis until the club have overcome their goalkeeping problems.

Bonetti, who arrived back at Stamford Bridge yesterday after his close season in the United States, had been linked with the neighbouring first division side, Queen's Park Rangers. But McCreadie made his move because the Chelsea first team goalkeeper, Phillips, is injured and he has only two youngsters, Sherwood and Richards, in reserve.

McCreadie will not stand in the way of Bonetti if another club make a move for him. He said: "I am delighted that Peter has agreed to join us on a monthly contract until John Phillips is back. But I must stipulate that he has been given a free transfer by the directors for loyal service and if any club is interested in signing him then they may approach Peter or myself at any time."

Bonetti is not in the team against Oxford United at Stamford Bridge today, but Chelsea do include Lewington, a midfield player who has no league experience. Lewington, aged 18, from Lambeth, joined the club straight from school.

Radford, the Arsenal forward who has missed the start of the season because of a toe injury, will begin his comeback in a reserve game at the weekend. The manager, Bertie Mee, is also satisfied with the progress of another of the club's casualties, Simpson, who has a thigh strain.

The Tottenham Hotspur and Republic of Ireland defender, Kinnear, visited Brighton's ground yesterday for talks with the manager, Peter Taylor. Mr Taylor later said that it was "odds on" Kinnear would sign for the club.

The clubs have agreed terms and it is thought a transfer fee of £5,000 will be paid for the player who has spent 11 years at White Hart Lane, playing nearly 200 league matches and winning 27 caps. Kinnear said: "This seems the right time to transfer to another club, one with great ambitions. I feel I have five or six good footballing years left in me."

Leicester City include an 18-year-old, Sims, in the match against Stoke City at Filbert Street today. Sim's first senior team appearance against Manchester City a week ago, was cut short when he injured his leg, but he has now recovered and takes over from Cross.

Gordon Smith, the Kilmarnock left winger, has withdrawn from the Scotland under-23 pool for the match against Denmark at Frederikshavn on September 1 for business reasons. Prentice (Heart of Midlothian) replaces him.

Tennis

## Only seven unforced errors in Miss Evert's display

Harrison, Aug 25.—Christine Evert, the top seed, played almost flawless tennis to dismiss Virginia Wade, the third seed, 6—0, 6—1, today in the final of the Mediquik women's tournament. Miss Evert, in her final preparation before the United States open championships which begins on Wednesday, needed only 50 minutes to win.

At her methodical best, she made only seven unforced errors during the match on a clay court. Miss Wade lost the first 11 games in a row, salvaging only the 12th game when she broke Miss Evert's service after saving a match point. But then, Miss Evert broke back for the seventh consecutive time for victory.

Miss Wade, who is seeded second at Forest Hills (Miss Evert is the top seed), was erratic throughout. When she tried to exchange ground strokes, she found it futile, being inaccurate or being passed by her steadier opponent. When she switched to a more aggressive style of play, she found her volleys and overheads wanting.

Although Miss Wade started strongly with a 40—15 lead on her service, she was broken by three errors and a backhand pass. Her service was broken again in the third and fifth games to 15 and 30. Miss Evert yielded only three points on her service in the first set and at one point, her control was so dominant that she won nine consecutive points.

At Forest Hills, Maria Bueno, of Brazil, who won the United States open title in 1963 and 1964, defeated Nana Sato, of Japan, 6—3, 6—4 in the first qualifying round. Miss Bueno, returning to tennis after an absence of 10 years, is competing for one of eight places in the main draw.

Ireland's tennis team to play Scotland and Wales in the triangular tournament at Glasgow on September 5 and 6 will be: Michael Hickey (Limerick), Kevin Menton (Dublin), Helen Lennon (Dublin), Nuala McMordie (Belfast).

## Borg passes Alexander on way to professional final

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, Aug 26.—Bjorn Borg, of Sweden, the defending champion, unleashed a barrage of passing shots and delicately placed lobs to counter the net rushes of John Alexander, of Australia, and reach the final of the United States professional tennis championships, 6—3, 6—7, 6—3, 6—0, yesterday evening.

The victory sets the stage for a final between Borg and Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, tonight. The pair last met in the French Open when Borg defeated Vilas in three straight sets.

Borg's only set loss yesterday was in a 5—7 tie-break, but at all other times he was poised and in control of his ground game. The youngest player to win the United States professional event last year at the age of 18, Borg completed the triumph with a 6—0 thrashing of Alexander in the final set.

Borg gained an early lead with a first game break and gained another in the third, keeping Alexander at long range with baseline shots. The Australian was finally able to rush the net and force several Borg errors on his way to a fourth game service break.

Borg broke Alexander with outstanding net play in the seventh, and after the Australian broke back captured the set with a series of thunderous passing shots beyond the on-rushing Alexander.

Rain postponed for the second day the men's singles final between Ilie Nastase, of Romania, and Bob Hewitt, of South Africa, in the tennis week open at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange, New Jersey, yesterday. Nastase and Hewitt have been granted a one-day delay at the United States Open at Forest Hills, New York, in order to complete the championship match here.

Virginia Ruzici and Mariana Simionescu, both of Romania, will meet in the women's singles final. In tomorrow's final match, Nastase will team with James Connors against John Lloyd, of Britain, and Dick Crealy, of Australia, for the men's doubles title.—Reuter.

Cycling

## Vicious circuit for best road riders

Metter, Aug 26.—The world's leading road racing cyclists converged on this small southern Belgian town today for the start tomorrow of the world road race championships on some of the most testing roads to be found in this largely flat country.

There is hardly a yard of flat road on the route taken by the amateur 100 kilometre team time-trial which opens the championships tomorrow morning and the circuit for the women's race to be held in the afternoon includes one difficult climb. The individual amateur title will be decided on Saturday on the flattest of all the courses but even this run, if it does not contain any big climb, is a switchback.

The circuit at Yvoir, near here, chosen for the professional road race, the climax of the championships, is "vicious" according to some riders who say it beats Montreal's Mount Royal circuit for toughness. It has a long, stiff haul up to the finishing line.

The East European teams, and particularly the Polish, Russian and East Germans, are expected to pose the stiffest challenge in the amateur team time-trial. But Sweden have a habit of doing well in this event which they have won four times since 1967.

In the absence of the Russian women the 34-mile women's race tomorrow afternoon will be more open. But it could also be far more difficult as in the past the Russians have been strong enough to keep a firm grip on events. It is the sort of circuit that would have suited the absent Beryl Burton, of Britain, but her daughter, Denise, and the rest of the British team will probably find it too tough. A French girl, Geneviere Gambillon, has a solid chance of scoring a record third win. But the American girls will also be strong.

As usual, all eyes will be on the triple world champion, Eddy Merckx, of Belgium, in the professional race on Sunday.

Yachting

## Concentration crucial for competitors at Burnham

By John Nicholls

Concentration was the name of the game for yachtsmen racing at Burnham-on-Crouch on the fourth day of the annual regrata week yesterday. All races started to the eastwards, and a light easterly breeze was barely sufficient for boats to combat the flooding tide. Forward progress over some parts of all the courses was painfully slow.

The narrow strip of river closest to the bank, where the tide was slackest, became the most important part of the course. Choosing the moment to tack out into the faster current and then tacking back again were critical decisions that won or lost races. Needless to say, the smaller, nippier classes were at an advantage an dthe big boats of the A handicap class were soon overhauled by later starters.

Edward Heath's Morning Cloud, being the largest boat racing at the time, was oblige dto sail in the strongest current and was never able to get clear of her rivals as she did in previous races. She was the largest boat still racing because the scratch boat. More Opposition, sailed by a crew of local experts, ran aground soon after the start in exactly the same place as Autumn Breeze on Monday.

She was followed on to the mud by Mersea Pearl (W. Newman) and there they both stayed for about half an hour. Mersea Pearl hoisted her spinnaker and eventually blew off, but More Opposition used her engine to pull herself off and retired from the race. The Squibs, starting at the end of the queue of the keelboat classes, were among the fastest in yesterday's conditions and were soon strung out among the handicap boats.

Luckily, the various classes were using different windward marks, with the smaller boats turning first. The handicap classes plodded on out to sea, and as they left the river D'Arcy Spice (L. Baker), of B class, was leading the fleet. Fo (R. Matthews), another from B class, was second, followed by Vendetta III (D. Clarabut), first of the A class boats.

Once out of the river, Morning Cloud forged ahead and finished first, but was only fourth on handicap. First place in A class went to Guinevere (E. Titmus), while D'Arcy Spice won her class on corrected time after lading Ufo all round the course.

The Dragons were led round their mark by Vana (R. Melville) and soon after came John Mears in Whizzbang, first of the Squibs. Vana survived some easy spinnaker runs and a few more nerve-wracking windward legs to lead here lass home, but Whizzbang was unable to keep up her early pace. She was overhauled on the final beat by Thistle (Peter Duce), who went on to record her second successive win.

HANDICAP: Class A: Guinevere (E. Titmus). Class B: D'Arcy Spice (L. Baker). Class C: Limpo (A. Stewart). Class D: Maggie May (R. Brown).
SOLING: Loup Garou (J. Clark).
DRAGON: Vana (R. Melville).
EAST COAST OD: Redshank (R. Campbell).
BURNHAM OD: Ariel (G. Hossnell).
CORINTHIAN OD: Corpo Santo (P. Maxwell).
SQUIB: Thistle (P. Duce).

LLANDUDNO: Windermere Trophy postponed until today, no wind.

CHICAGO: World star championships: second race. 1, T. Blackaller (US); 2, J. Bennett (US); 3, E. Rapp (US).

Modern pentathlon

## Deri wins fencing and goes into overall lead

Montreal, Aug 26.—Apad Deri, of Hungary, defeated Lajos Dobi, also of Hungary, in a fight-off last night to win the fencing phase of the 1975 junior world modern pentathlon championships here. Both finished their schedule of 50 matches in the day with 37 wins.

Guldis Putninsh of the Soviet Union took third place, winning 35 bouts. Deri's fencing win, combined with his performance in the riding event on Sunday, gave him the overall lead after two days of the five-day event with a total of 2,144 points.

Dobi is second overall with 2,112 points. Putninsh is third with 2,100 points.

## Today's fixtures

FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa v Manchester City (7.30); Derby County v Newcastle United (7.30); Leicester City v Stoke City (7.30); Manchester United v Coventry City (7.30).
SECOND DIVISION: Chelsea v Oxford United (7.30).
LEAGUE CUP: First round, second leg: Barnsley v Huddersfield Town (7.30); Blackburn Rovers v Preston North End (7.30); Brighton v Brentford (7.30); Chester v Wrexham (7.30); Hereford United v Port Vale (7.30); Northampton Town v Watford (7.30); Nottingham Forest v Rotherham United (7.30); Peterborough United v Southend United (7.30); Shrewsbury Secretary v Darlington (7.30); Torquay United v Swansea City (7.30).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Airdrieonians v Rangers (7.30); Clyde v Motherwell (7.30); Ayr United v Dunfermline Athletic (7.30); Dundee v Hibernian (7.30); Aberdeen v Celtic (7.30); Heart of Midlothian v Dumbarton (7.30); Partick Thistle v Kilmarnock (7.30); St Johnstone v Dundee United (7.30); Hamilton Academicals v Falkirk (7.30); Stirling Albion v Queen of the South (7.30); East Fife v St Mirren (7.30); Montrose v Raith Rovers (7.30); Clydebank v Arbroath United (7.30); East Stirlingshire v Berwick Rangers (7.30); Morton v Albion Rovers (7.30); Stenhousemuir v Stranraer (7.30); Cowdenbeath v Forfar Athletic (7.30); Queen's Park v Brechin City (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: Barry v Cheltenham; Basingstoke v Romford (7.30); Bury Town v Banbury United; Margate v Cheshunt; Kettering v King's Lynn; Worcester v Gorby; Marlow Traffi v Waterlooville; Milton Keynes v Grantham; Trowbridge v Andover (7.15); Yeovil v Bath.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Scarborough v Worksop (7.30); South Liverpool v Nuneaton (7.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Wimbledon v Boreham Wood (7.30).

## Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 5, Chicago White Sox 1; Texas Rangers 1, Detroit Tigers 0; Minnesota Twins 9, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Baltimore at Kansas City—postponed rain.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 11, Chicago Cubs 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Atlanta Braves 0; New York Mets 4, San Diego Padres 0; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Houston Astros at St Louis Cardinals—postponed rain.

## A funny thing happened on my way to the studio

Klára Fehér, Hungarian novelist, science fiction writer and journalist, contributes this column in our International Women's Year series.

*My hand hurt so much that I could not put off going to my doctor any longer.*

He twisted, pulled and squeezed my aching fingers. When I was half dead with pain, he reassured me: there was nothing really wrong, only the effects of my occupation were beginning to show. I had he said, tendovaginitis (inflamed tendons), tennis elbow and calcification of the periosterum. Better class people all suffer from these.

At the hospital they will put your arm in plaster, he said, but to save you too much suffering I will bandage it with gauze and put it in a sling for you. He urged me to be patient for a few weeks. There are cases known to science in which the patient actually recovered, he said kindly.

Good, said I, I will go over to the hospital, but not now as I am expected sharp at noon at the television studio for a rehearsal of the evening's round-table talk.

I turned up at the TV studio with my arm in a sling and the producers received me with great enthusiasm. Their pleasure was, as it turned out later, elicited by the state of my sick arm. The producer was thrilled. Well now, that is quite something, he said. It provides a starting point for our chat, for our show must be rooted in reality.

You, he instructed the interviewer, will start off with a question about the arm. To which you, dear writer, will reply that the arm was put in plaster because etc. For the dear viewer at home does not know that the author does not just sit behind her desk, but can be afflicted with high blood pressure and can even cripple her writing arm.

You will be seated in a big armchair. Also, you will get a close-up of the author's elbow with your No 2 camera, and that will, so to speak, bring our chat show closer to the people.

We then ran through our planned improvised conversation, fixed our cues and concluding words, timed it all, and I dashed off to the hospital to see the doctor who would quickly put my arm in plaster so that I could be back at the studio by the evening.

The doctor was a learned professor with a great reputation. He pulled and squeezed my aching wrist, bent my elbow, had me X-rayed, and when my eyes began to water from all this torture, he reassured me in a friendly manner that there was no need to put my arm in plaster, or bandage it, or administer any other such old fashioned remedy.

What it needed was hydrocortisone, or the surgeon's knife. Better still, I should give up writing once and for all. Anyway, I should come and see him in the morning. With that he removed the bandages.

At 7.30 pm I was back in the TV studio.

"What happened to your arm", asked the producer.

"Thank you for your concern. A course of hydrocortisone."

"Who cares? What I want to know is where is the plaster? And where is the bandage?"

"There is no need for either."

"What do you mean there is no need for either? This is our starting point."

"Well, you will have to begin the talk with something else."

"But this is exactly what we need. Talk about health. Talk about illness. The human touch."

"If you don't mind my saying, for that you don't need plaster. Your interviewer can always ask me about my health, whether I have a headache or a stomach ache."

"This is no broadcasting studio, this is television. People want to see things. We need you to have a black eye or a swollen head. Call the make-up girl and ask her to bring a ruler and masses of bandages."

"What are you trying to do?"

"We'll put your arm in plaster all right."

After ten minutes I looked like the sole survivor of a major air crash.

They wound 200 yards of bandages round my arm. The ruler they used for a splint was cracked and pinched my skin. The bandage was tight. And when the interviewer gently asked me, in accordance with the script, whether it hurt a lot, real tears were streaming down my cheeks.

As soon as I got up in the morning I went to the hospital. The matron told me that the professor was not prepared to see me. He had seen on television that, contrary to his advice, I had my arm in plaster. I should have it mended, he suggested, by those who had begun the treatment.

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## Books: an illustration is a work of art

I wonder how many readers brought up on the "holiday adventure" stories of the 1930s recall the exploits of the Lockett family? There were three Locketts—and along with a couple of friends and a mongrel called Angelina they might almost be prototypes for the notorious Famous Five of more recent years. Their adventures, however, were recorded by a fictive aunt, whose real name was M. E. Atkinson, in volumes which tended to have alliterative titles: *August Adventure, Mystery Manor* and the like.

The books contain some memorable scenes. Supporters of women's rights will approve an episode where Jane Lockett (I believe) kept wicket for a village cricket team with all the aplomb of Leslie Ames; political agitators will concur with Jane's remarks on greeting a friend who turns up in a yellow Rolls-Royce: "Bother Society! Who cares for Society?" (although later she is upset because the Communists want to do away with God and the King). But the books' greatest claim to distinction is that the first six of them contain much of the early illustrated work of Harold Jones.

To all intents and purposes *August Adventure* (1936) marks his arrival as a book illustrator (*Diseases of the Thyroid Gland*, 1932, not really counting) and straight away a distinctive talent is established. The characteristics are first an extreme simplicity, most obvious in the plain delineation of landscape and figures; second, a contrasting control of tone and shading which allows him to portray individual objects in great detail; and third, a natural sense of page design, bringing pictures and decorations into harmony with the printed text.

Alongside, and supported by this technical command, there is also an imaginative quality, summed up, but not belittled by the term "domestic". Even his commonest objects tell. His love for what he sees so well wrote Walter De La Mare in the introduction to *This Year: Next Year* (1937), a book of pictures and verses by Harold Jones, for which De La Mare was persuaded to supply a substitute text ("headlong doggerel" he fittingly called it) and the rhyme points to the unpretentiousness and affection which give Harold Jones's illustrations a touch of greatness.

*This Year: Next Year* is one of the most impressive picture books to come out of the 1930s, but is now a book of some rarity, since the lithographic stones on which it was composed were destroyed during the war. It was followed, however, by two further picture books with texts by Harold Jones: *The Visit to the Farm* (1941) and *The Enchanted Night* (1947) in both of which his sense of the child standing on the edge of some animate toyland is particularly keen. It is a sense which reaches its fullest expression in his most famous book: Kathleen Lines's collection of nursery rhymes *Lavender's Blue* (Oxford, £2).

*Lavender's Blue*, which stands among the greatest nursery-rhyme picture books that we have, tends to draw criticism from the callower students of graphic art on the grounds of what is seen to be its "naivete" of line and its subdued "wishy-washy" they say) colours. Such objections, however, fail to recognize the book's interpretation of "Nursery rhyme" as a quiet, domestic art, by which token the so-called faults are manifest virtues. Furthermore, Harold Jones's natural skill as a designer results in a marvellously sustained display of the illustrator's art, 170 pages of drawings being organized with constant variation while preserving the book's fundamental unity.

Since *Lavender's Blue*, Harold Jones's contribution to children's illustrated books has been intermittent—"I never set out to be a full-time illustrator", he says, "I just did books as they came along." Cooperation with Kathleen Lines has prompted much of his best work—outstandingly her abridged edition of *The Water Babies* (Gollancz, £1.30), but also collections of traditional stories and Bible stories. (His own *The Childhood of Jesus*, Gollancz, 40p, is one of the only children's books on that topic which does not give rise to instant nausea.) In recent years, though, he has published little, and it was therefore with considerable pleasure that one heard news of a new work—drawings for an edition of Lewis Carroll's *Hunting of the Snark*, to be published next month by the Whittington Press of Andoversford, near Cheltenham.

The pleasure, however, was tempered by some degree of trepidation. For one thing this edition is even less for children than most, being limited to 750 copies at a pre-publication price of £12 in cloth and £35 in leather. For another thing snarks are as dangerous a quarry for illustrators as they are for Bakers. The strange, dense, sculptural pictures which Henry Holiday produced for the first edition of Carroll's poem stand in relation to it very much as Tenniel's do to *Alice*, and competitors attempt it at their peril. Not even Mervyn Peake, for all the intensity of his characterization, could catch the weird seriousness with which Holiday celebrates the Bellman's expedition, and against these two "strong" interpretations Harold Jones offers a version which simply seeks to reflect the poem's cheerful zest.

By their very lack of pretension his drawings stand rather uneasily on the majestic (and too absorbent) pages of a hand-produced limited edition. John and Rosalind Randle, who own and work the Whittington Press, have recently been awarded a prize by the Society of Young Publishers for "the most interesting and significant contribution to the world of publishing by someone under 35", and one would not dispute that their decision to print *The Snark* was interesting and that its production in such style, independent of so much of the fatiguing bureaucratic processes of modern publishing, was significant. Nevertheless, one cannot help feeling that there is less room for the warmth and artistry of Harold Jones in these formal, handsome pages than ever there was in the traderuns of *The Water Babies* and *Lavender's Blue*.

**Brian Alderson**

A Penguin edition of Martin Gardner's *The Annotated Snark* has recently been published, with Henry Holiday's original illustrations.

## The pleasures of peat

Not everyone is worried about the price of oil and coal next winter. Communities in the hills and islands have never forsaken peat as a fuel, and are going back to it in greater numbers. Though Great Britain cannot compete with Ireland's millions of acres of blanket bog, there are none the less many places where "rights of turbary" are worth having.

Peat, a deposit of decaying vegetable matter, may lie many feet deep. In practice the peat cutter works two or three cuts deep, the first step being to remove the top sods. These squares are set into last year's harvested ground alongside the trench, an operation once a standard for assessing the aptitude of a new shepherd. A curved rutter is used for cutting the turf, a long-handled spade or flaughter for removing it.

When cutting the peat itself, the tool is a long, narrow, sharp blade with one edge turned up. Thus two sides of the peat block are cut at once, and the oblong is levered forward into the hands of the "flinger-out". Each peat is flung away onto the uncut turf, close to its fellow to prevent herbage growing between, and far enough to give room for the considerable harvest.

Under skilled hands the peats are as even as bricks. Peat cutters have their own terminology. "Saturday nighters", the descriptive phrase for extra-thick turves which will warm the house during weekend leisure while "ladies' peats" are thin slices from a slipping blade.

After cutting comes "firring". Hill breezes harden and lighten the peats, and after some ten days a skin forms over the black surface. A V-shaped tunnel is formed by pairing the peats together, underside outwards, for further drying. After more drying, depending on the weather, small heaps, or reckles, similar in purpose and design to a hay pike, allow maximum aeration and minimum rain damage. Each peat has a surprisingly sharp edge by this stage, and has taken on an entirely different nature and weight from the heavy, slimy, soggy and pungent lump first uncovered after centuries of burial.

The peats are then led home, by tractor and trailer, or donkey and pannier. A cart-load a week was the tally to provide day-long warmth in the remote shepherd's cottages, and a week among the peats is still part of some contracts. Stacking is under a shed or in neat, dark rick alongside, thatched against storm. Peats have become twisted or broken by now, but even the crumbs are saved, for they give the best burning.

On a cold, damp day, with hill mists creeping all round, peat cutting is no fun. On a fine summer morning it is work in a pleasantly disguised form, as larks sing ceaselessly, golden plovers pipe inquisitively from boulder to outcrop, and black-faced ewes and lambs pass in line along age-old sheep tracks. Thanks to a local landowner's generosity, I spent several such mornings winning black peats above the 2,000 foot contour, handling them with pleasure after a fortnight's upland wind and sun had lightened them, building small reckles as stonechat and curlew passed by.

In winter comes the greater reward. Well-dried peats burn with a golden glow, in sympathy with conversation about the hills whence they came, the stock that graze on them and the wild birds and animals providing nature study and sport. Scent contrasts with the sour smell of cutting day, and no matter how wild the weather outside, all is warm within as another peat drops into the embers. It is easy to recall the summer days of harvest, the hills green and grey as shadow alternated with sunlight, the terriers watching the process as carefully then as they now position themselves for maximum heat. Against ringing up the coal or oil merchant, peat fires add a new dimension to life, both in summer and winter.

**Edward Hart**

# Property

## New trend in office location

ffice developments in the n area are scarce enough days to acquire an added it when announced. Two es planned by Romulus uction in west London ark a new location trend mpanies facing rent and ncreases in more central but unable to move to burbs or Home Counties. first is in Chelsea, on a 1 one-acre island site in Road, at the junction pter Grove, where Romu- to carry out a joint rial scheme with The Housing Group. On the Road frontage, Romulus tained planning permis- and a speculative office pment permit for an air- ioned office block of sq ft net.

second scheme is in a Broadway, where the ny has also obtained ng permission, and a ative office development for 20,000 sq ft net of and 2,250 sq ft of show- on an island site oppo- e Underground station. schemes are to begin The agents are Jones Wootton.

completed outside Lon- Gordon House, in the part of Southport, Lan- It is at the junction of n Street and Leicester close to the northern Lord Street, the main ng area of the town. g more than £300,000, the pment has been carried Stephen House Proper- n conjunction with the Property Unit Trust. It 300 sq ft net of lettable and parking for 42 cars. site was formerly that of ordon Hotel, which had overnment premises since ar. Letting of the new is through Mason, Owen Partners, of Liverpool, and Percival, of South- and Michael Koopman artners, of London. Rent a sq ft.

ther recent completion ller House, in Lower Street, Maidstone. It is ble for letting. The pment has been carried Blandswood (Southern) the Save and Prosper and comprises 64,458 sq offices on ground and 10 floors to a design by Tekbné Architects Partnership.

The rent is about £4.25 a sq ft. Partial lettings would be considered. The agents are Healey and Baker, Edward Erdman and Co, and Meadow Schama, all of London, and Walter and Forknall, of Maidstone.

Activity in the renovation and restoration field continues. Beadle Property Holdings is to tackle a 350-year-old Jacobean mansion in the High Street in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. Called Rawdon House, *it has about 10,500 sq ft* net of offices and is to have lavished upon it the care which Beadle put into its building in Hertford, the seventeenth-century former Dimsdale House, which has been given a European Architectural Heritage Year award and another award by the Hertford Civic Society.

Rawdon House was extended over the years. It was a nunnery before it was bought by Beadle two years ago. The architects for the scheme are Southgate Associates, and letting will be through Jones Lang Wootton and Clark Quinney and Co.

Just coming up to completion is another interesting office scheme in Foregate Street, Worcester, on a site almost opposite the Shire Hall. It consists of a renovated Georgian house with a carefully preserved façade, linked to a new three-storey office block at the rear. The development has been carried out by Norwest Hayward Developments, of Birmingham, with Kenneth W. Norton as architect. The building is of about 12,400 sq ft, consisting of 3,234 sq ft of renovated property and 9,157 sq ft of new.

The rent for the total area is £31,000 a year, but the developers may be prepared to divide the accommodation into two self-contained *buildings* at appropriate rents. Letting is through John German and Son, of London and Birmingham, and Frederick J. Pepper, of Birmingham.

Another interesting property is the elegant office building at 2 South Audley Street, in Mayfair, a grade II listed building dating from about the end of the last century. Its carved brick façade in the rococo style is notable. Of more commercial interest is the fact that it is being offered for letting at a rent of £4.75 a sq ft for the first year, before reverting to £9.50 a sq ft at the end of that time.

It contains about 10,000 sq ft of space on lower ground, ground and four upper floors, and has 37 rooms of varying sizes. Letting is through Jones Lang Wootton and Garrard Smith and Partners.

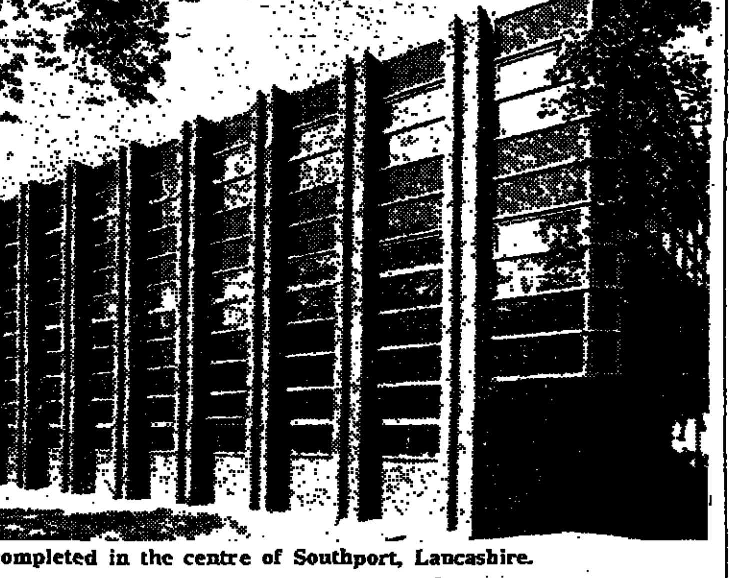
In Mount Ephraim Road, Tunbridge Wells, Hanover House, a regency building restored by R. Gray Developments to provide some 6,000 sq ft of offices has been let to the Midland Bank Trust Co. The rent is said to be close to the asking terms of £30,000 a year, and is thought to be the highest yet obtained in the town.

The scheme was financed by the Merchant Investors Property Bond, advised by Richard Ellis. Ratcliffes, the developer's agents, acted jointly with Bracketts, the vendor's agents, in the letting.

Mackenzie Hill has been granted planning permission for the development of an industrial site of 16 acres at North Wallington, Fareham, Hampshire. The site is immediately alongside the M27, which is to be opened later this year.

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# Providing overseas aid where it is needed most

This week's annual report by the World Bank makes grim reading. More people than ever lived in absolute poverty in the world last year, and the signs are that the situation will worsen in the years ahead.

The bank's report rounds off a series of international conferences and expert findings which all add up to the same conclusion: that appalling famine threatens the world's population, especially the poorest countries, by the turn of the century.

It is a brutal statement to make, but the situation needs to be underlined in stark simplicity to bring home to the developed world that whatever its own economic difficulties they pall into insignificance beside those which the worst off countries must cope with now and continue to struggle with indefinitely.

The World Bank points out that about 650,000,000 people now live on a miserable pittance of less than £24 a year. And it stresses that the big oil price rises, the general recession and record inflation rates have had a particularly crippling impact on the poor countries.

Moreover, it accepts that little can be done in the short term to reduce the size of the population of the poorest countries. Indeed, there is now scant room to argue against the despondent contention that anticipated population growth in the developing world presents a looming tragedy with millions more people jobless, homeless and suffering from hunger, malnutrition and starvation by AD 2000.

But if the rapidly growing population is the key aspect there is no longer any doubt that family planning, important and desirable as it is, can make only a limited contribution and that only a dramatic improvement in the developing world's living standards through a worthwhile rise in real incomes will ultimately cut the birthrate sufficiently to mitigate the worst excesses of large-scale poverty, famine and the disease that inevitably accompanies this.

The World Bank report endorses authoritatively the widely held views expressed at international ministerial gatherings I have attended in the past year for the British Government. More important for Britain, the World Bank's new theme of concentrating its aid to the poorest people in the poorest countries, especially through rural development, underwrites precisely the marked change of emphasis in British aid policy which the Government is now implementing.

Here we are in the vanguard of developed donor nations. A White Paper, spelling out our approach will be published later in the year. The policy is already meaningfully under way, however. British bilateral aid is increasingly to be channelled to the poorest. Recently we announced that countries where the annual income is less than £90 a head will get all their aid from us on outright grant terms in future—a significant step forward.

The World Bank report is critical of the way some developing countries provide a level of service for the middle classes and well-to-do well above anything they do for their poor people. It is a thoroughly justified criticism. There is much to be done, too, by genuine income redistribution and land reform. These are matters for action by the developing nations and although we cannot and should not set fixed conditions for our aid which may impinge on local political decision-taking and smack of neocolonialism, it is logical that our poverty-oriented programme should take these factors into account as we apply it, although getting our policy messages through to recipient governments is an inevitably lengthy and sometimes delicate process.

Just as the World Bank seeks to spearhead its attack on poverty through efforts in the rural sector, so do we. Food aid is an essential short-term need, but increased agricultural production in poor countries, leading to self-sufficiency, is the real target. We believe this must be integrated and planned development, taking in rural roads, irrigation, marketing, farm credits, rural health, and education.

With the world in recession, concessional aid is certainly hard to come by. Our own domestic economic dilemma makes us uncomfortably aware of this. Nor can we expect that the new oil-rich countries will suddenly bear the burden. The World Bank says that although they have increased their aid considerably, they have their own balance of payments problems. Even so, it is our aim to do all we can to encourage matching contributions to our own efforts from the new donor states whenever possible.

Likewise we seek to persuade and influence the multilateral agencies and our donor nation partners, including those in the EEC, to join with us in applying poverty-based criteria for aid.

The bank report stresses, too, the need for a liberalization of trade policies and for commodity agreements to help the developing countries. Britain has played its part in working for these ends by its role in the satisfactory completion of the Lome Convention, its support for changes in EEC tariffs through the generalized scheme of preferences, and through the Prime Minister's Kingston initiative on commodities.

Above all, we must recognize the importance of an expanding world economy. If the industrial nations prosper, if they can overcome the rampant inflation that affects so many of them, they will enhance their ability to assist poorer countries more adequately—though that ability to act must still be put into practical effect by determined political will.

There is, of course, another side to the coin. An improved situation in the developing world should lead to welcome additional markets for the developed nations. There is far more than a moral case for reducing the gap between rich and poor, overwhelming though that moral case is.

But when domestic resources are severely limited and the demands upon them are immense, it is all the more essential to ensure that our aid is deployed where it will make the most clear cut contribution.

The Bank's analysis is as realistic as it is frightening. It shows that we can never do enough. But our aid programme, whatever the shortcomings, is moving steadily in the right direction and will certainly continue to do so.

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# A glimmer of hope to confound the prophets of doom

**Raymond Fletcher**

## A fighting chance to avoid watching ourselves starving to death on colour television

Among the unfinished work cluttering my files is the text of a book I started in 1971 and stopped writing 40,000 words later. It is, I have been told by the only man who has read it, an extremely elegant exposition of total despair, and manages to make the prophet Jeremiah look like an optimist and Nietzsche a bundle of fun by comparison. If an American humorist had not beaten me to the title I would have had to call the thing *The Decline and Fall of Practically Everything.*

I was, therefore, in at the beginning of the Doom Boom and would probably have done very well out of it, had I not been braked by my own conception of a politician's duty towards those who elect him. While I believe that every politician has the right to talk nonsense, to bore both the House and his constituents and to become a headline-hunting ass, I cannot extend these rights to include the eloquent advocacy of despair.

Despair itself, of course, is the constant companion of all politicians with the time and intelligence to brood on the social situation as a whole. He who has not made its acquaintance is no more fit to be in the House of Commons than a pop singer in the Scottish Chamber Choir.

But to be infected oneself is one thing. Knowingly, even enthusiastically, to spread the infection, quite another. Because this is a time when we are all making the painful discovery that democracy is not the natural condition of political man and that its foundations are as fragile as those of a wedding cake. To preach despair from the privileged benches at Westminster, in these times and circumstances, is to paralyse the will of all those, whether in trade union branches or Cabinet committees, who try to preserve the foundations and the free society which has been built on them. So I did not finish it.

There was, I fear, little honour and even less nobility about this self-denying ordinance. My thinking had been switched on to different tracks; one of those who pulled the necessary levers has just published a report which demonstrates that civilization still has a fighting chance and that we are not inexorably driving ourselves towards a ravaged earth on which we are doomed to watch each other starving to death on colour television sets.

Like most American work in this field, it bears a forbidding title—*Human Requirements, Supply Levels and Outer Bounds: A Framework for Thinking about the Planetary Bargain,* and is produced by the Centre for Integrative Studies of the State University of New York. Its authors are John and Magda McHale.

Dr John McHale, Director of the Centre, was born in Scotland and acquired three reputations on his way towards the study of the future. He is a designer, with a French decoration to prove it. He is an artist and a Fellow of our own Royal Society of Arts. He is a sociologist and (inevitably), a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science. He writes as well as he paints. He is, in fact, a perfectly preserved, thinking, feeling, fully alive specimen of Renaissance Man. In a world where ultra-specialists learn more and more about less and less he is needed.

So what does he have to tell us in this merely preliminary study of the demands on planetary resources that are implicit in nearly all the political movements running round wild today? First of all he gently deflates the most-publicized prophecies of the most-publicized doom-watchers. We are not, it seems, going to breed ourselves into such a state of over-population that the year 2001 will see a million hungry Asians in Islington fighting for crusts of bread.

His own projections of 1971 have turned out to be right. The latest United Nations document on population growth, published in March of this year, admits that, "for the first time in the experience of the United Nations, estimated population trends had to be revised downwards". What this could mean (the McHales make no claim to be prophets) is, as they put it, "to decrease population growth by even a half of one per cent a year ... would cut material requirements by a large amount. It has been estimated that reducing the world growth rate from 1.8 to 0.5 per cent would cut the total amount of goods and services needed by 75 to 80 per cent".

The reasons are given, and they are sound; but they would fill a volume. What emerges from this method of looking at the facts, however, is that, as societies change, their way of using resources also change. Many of the problems the doom-watchers have inflated into predictions of total disaster are based on the assumption that we shall, as a species, continue to behave for ever as we behave now. Yet even Asian families will change—in size and function—as their social and political environment changes.

There is no suggestion that we do not have a population problem at all. But "the Malthusian association of diminishing supplies of energy, food, and material resources with high population growth, however, is clearly untenable. The larger population growth is in those countries which use the least resources, have least food etc., .... The only long-term alternative for reduction of population pressure would still seem to lie with improving their material standards and generalized expectations".

As with the population spectre so with energy supplies. It is what we waste rather than what we use that is the problem. We do not, moreover, go about discovering new sources efficiently. Our present industrial system, say the McHales after documenting the proposition, "is a rather primitive and unsophisticated mode of utilizing a relatively small fraction of the available range of scientific and technological directions". The word "available" is the important one: at no point in this survey is there any flight into science-fiction and merely imagined technologies. We have it all now. The question is: how to organize it?

Clumsily and blindly our world is beginning to reorganise itself, of course, and the consequences spill over into politics. Multinational corporations, may, as many of my colleagues suspect, be owned and staffed by self-seeking villains. But they are also an organized response to the simple fact that the nation-state is no longer a suitable instrument for running an economy. In the new world into which we stumble 44 of the 100 largest economic entities are multinationals, the rest are nation-states. So what do we do? Simple: we stop stumbling and blundering in politics, just as people like the McHales have in sociology. We *can* retreat from Doom.

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# The slow process of Tory reconciliation

Conservative MPs will come to the next parliamentary session presenting to the outside world an impression of greater division than at any time within memory. The appearance is of a party deeply split on personalities and policy. Mrs Thatcher is leader but not universally accepted as leader. The party in the country never wanted Mr Heath to be ejected. It was Mr Heath not Mrs Thatcher whose contribution to the referendum campaign will be remembered. It was Mr Heath again whose speech on the White Paper won more praise then any other yet delivered in this Parliament.

It is not unknown for a Tory leader to be compared unfavourably with a predecessor who is also a former Prime Minister. That happened for some time to Mr Heath himself after he succeeded Sir Alec Douglas-Home. But one cannot recall another occasion when the supplanted leader has given scarcely a semblance of acceptance of his successor. That is not how the Tories normally manage their affairs, in public at any rate. To this division over personalities and style—a division which emerged clearly in Mr William Whitelaw's handling of the opposition case in his televised response to the Government's anti-inflation policy—there is added the conflict over policy. The dispute over incomes policy and monetarism has an ideological flavour that is again foreign to Tory tradition. That dispute is all the more divisive because in general it is those who are closest to Mr Heath who are most in favour of incomes policy.

So it is not surprising that there should be all the talk of the leadership in exile, the king over the water, and so forth. Circumstances could indeed develop in which the most important fact about the Conservative Party is its separation into these camps. But the reality at the moment is both more subtle and more traditional. The essential feature is not so much the establishment of two warring factions as the painful process of transition from the old king to his successor—and when his successor is a queen the process is the less familiar and therefore for politicians the more painful. What we are witnessing is the Tory Party slowly and uncertainly coming to terms with what it has done in electing Mrs Thatcher as leader.

The whole parliamentary party has certainly not come to terms with it yet. Mr Heath himself has not. Mr Peter Walker has not. Nor have some others on the left wing of the party. Within the Shadow Cabinet Mr Ian Gilmour is reputed still to be more attached to Mr Heath than to Mrs Thatcher. There are other Shadow ministers who look back nostalgically to the days of the Heath leadership. But that is by no means the same thing. To regret the passing of an era is not to assume that it can be recalled. This distinction becomes all the more important when one considers the old Heath men outside the Shadow Cabinet.

The indications are that Mr Heath is behaving with punctilio. He is not organizing cabals among his old comrades. He is not doing anything to embarrass them or put them in a false position. But neither is he urging them to accept the reality of Mrs Thatcher's leadership. Yet among those who hold him in high regard, and who believe that he still has it in him to make a major contribution to British and/or European affairs, there is no general disposition to look for his return to the party leadership. A few may do so, but their numbers are often much exaggerated. More significance should be attached to those who are coming to terms with the new reality.

Reality it is. Nobody can prophesy for a cataclysm. If economic disaster strikes Britain in the year ahead then a totally new political situation may be created. If the pressures of the new economic disciplines prove too much for the political cohesion of the Labour Party then there could be unforeseen developments. But the political reality for Conservatives now is that there is one rational expectation: that Mrs Thatcher will lead the party into the next election and that she will do so with a good chance of winning it.

This does not mean that she has yet won her battle for the hearts and minds of the Tory Party, in Parliament let alone the country. One still encounters earnest supporters who wonder how her personality could be put across more appealingly to the electorate. Perhaps a little brighter packaging, it is suggested—though one would have thought that Conservative leaders had learnt by now to be a little wary of the arts of the public relations practitioners. Her performances at the dispatch box have not inspired enthusiasm on the benches behind her. But she has two priceless assets: she has not make any serious blunder yet, and she is there. That is no small thing in a party with a gift for mishandling its leadership conflicts, and therefore with a terror of them.

Her main worry is likely to be not so much whether she can remain in the saddle between now and the next election but whether she can convey the impression of the party that knows its mind sufficiently on policy. That is what observers will be looking for at the party conference. It is in the nature of the Tory Party to fudge its disputes on doctrine. That is the direction in which Mrs Thatcher appears to be moving. Her personal preference is against incomes policy, yet she seems to be delicately and cautiously distancing herself from Sir Keith Joseph. This is not a style that makes for thrilling leadership, and there are likely to be a good many grumbles that this is lacking. It is a technique that is more suited to inheriting a victory than winning one. But at least it suggests that if she does enter Downing Street she will do so without too many foolish commitments, which is more than can be said for other Prime Ministers in recent years.

**Geoffrey Smith**

# Gen Franco must step down befo it is too late

Spain's hopes of avoiding the political chaos of Portugal depend on a determined move, behind the scenes, to persuade General Franco to retire soon and install Prince Juan Carlos as king.

For it seems certain that General Franco's insistence on retaining power at nearly 83, combined with his psychological inability to allow any reforms smacking of authentic democracy, can only lead to a radicalization and polarization of Spanish politics.

If this happens, the most likely beneficiary will be the powerful underground Spanish Communist Party (PCE) and its front organization, the so-called Junta Democratica. The non-communist democratic opposition parties, led by the mainstream Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE), have only recently formed their rival grouping, the Platform of Democratic Convergence. On July 15, shortly before the Democratic Platform published its clandestine manifesto in Madrid, a doddering but still spry General Franco granted an audience at his Pardo Palace residence to a group of civil war veterans. He told them: "I believe you give too much importance to the dogs who are yapping. In reality they are tiny minorities who show up our virility and prove the strength and capacity of resistance of our fatherland. ..."

The blind triumphalism of this speech, and the attitude of *apres moi le deluge* which it demonstrates, show why General Franco is gradually being abandoned by some of his most intelligent supporters. Former leading members of the regime's conservative intellectual class are clubbing together in an independent group, and they give the impression that they will accept no public posts until democracy arrives. Because political parties are banned, they have taken the unusual step of setting themselves up as a limited company which calls itself Federacion of Independent Studies, Ltd (FEDISA). One prominent member, Señor Pio Cabanillas, who lost his post as Information Minister last autumn, has publicly suggested that General Franco should retire.

FEDISA is under constant attack from the Falangist party hacks who have grouped themselves around Franco as a last-ditch ultra-rightist stronghold which is popularly known as "el Bunker".

Since resuming full power following his illness last summer, and sending Prince Juan Carlos back into the wings after allowing him to act as temporary Head of State for a few weeks, General Franco has been gripped by what one of his own cabinet ministers has called "the rocky resistance of political inertia". He has blocked the cautious liberalization policy initiated by Señor Carlos Arias Navarro, a well-intentioned conservative who became Prime Minister after the assassination of Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco. Above all, Franco refused to give the green light for allowing independent "political associations" which would have eventually become political parties in all but name. Such associations will only be authorized if they subscribe to the regime's ideology of an authoritarian state, and they must be vetted by the Falangist officials who are virtually the only people left in the "National Movement" umbrella organization into which Franco forcibly amalgamated all his variegated political supporters as long ago as 1937.

Even at this stage, some hopes of democratic evolution inside the Establishment were still alive up until early this summer. Señor Arias succeeded in appointing a trusted friend, Fernando Herrero Tejedor, as cabinet minister in charge of the National Movement. Both government and opposition sources today re Herrero Tejedor has make confidential matic overtures to illegal democratic parties on their fut the post-Franco Herrero Tejedor, wh respect while Prosec Supreme Court for exposing a major scandal involving credits for the text ery firm Matesa, wa a road accident in Franco's insistence, placed in the key po by Jose Solis, a Falangist veteran, glib demagogy. Anot representative, Alej riguez Valcarcel, is the rubber-stamp C liament).

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*Bernard Levin is on His column resumes tember 2, and will th each week on Tuesday day and Friday.*


# "I don't speak to anyone for days . . ."

said Mrs Benning. The desperate loneliness was like a constant pain. Only the radio to talk to; no-one to listen.

The Day Centre made all the difference. "Coming to the Centre I have made new friends. I can't wait for the next visit", she says.

When you're old and frail small things count. The chance to sit and talk, or learn a new interest, or get a low-cost cup of tea and cake when life is hard on a pension. It sounds easy, but not when you're struggling alone in a cold dismal room.

Help the Aged flats for old folk are well known. But equally vital is the provision of more Day Centres and other practical help for the lonely at home and hungry old folk overseas.

**£3 provides vital extra help for old people in a Day Centre; or sends nourishing meals to 20 old people near starvation in India.**

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# The Times Diary

## In search of a chef d'oeuvre

There were times, in the not so distant past, when the hors d'oeuvres in British restaurants resembled the outworks of medieval castles so stupendous was their scale and colossal their volume. Waiters trundled curious chrome carts with trays swinging as if sitting eight abreast in a ferris wheel, the rollmops pale and sickly by the richly tanned anchovies and the mushrooms à la grecque overflowing luxuriously into the tomatoes' vinaigrette.

There were (perhaps still are) places where you could have what you wanted from any of 56 different varieties—all at one fixed price. In the days of our affluence some gluttons found they were exhaustedly sated before the main course ever arrived.

But the hors d'oeuvres and such ostentatious display of abundance may have been going out of fashion lately, so Mirabel Cecil set out on the latest of our series of consumer tests to discover whether hors d'oeuvres could still be found richly various, piquantly flavoursome, and substantially filling and whether, if so, a full meal might be got from the trolley at an economical price, thus helping to take some of the bite out of inflation.

She started her researches, on Michael Leapman's enthusiastic recommendation, at the Ivy restaurant where, he said, hors d'oeuvres represented peculiarly good value for money. Sadly things may have changed for the worse before she got there, for this is her report.

The Ivy restaurant boasts on its menu: "At these tables have sat the most discriminating patrons as well as the highest talents." Which category did I come into I wondered as I ordered a discriminating plateful of hors d'oeuvres.

The Ivy has a good atmosphere: outside stood a superb vintage Rolls-Royce with a Zurich numberplate, proving that there will always be an England so long as the rich can have Swiss bank accounts. Inside the panelled dining room lit by demure pink-shaded lambs we were cossetted by the head waiter and wine waiter who were concerned that we should not be late for our show.

But I was shown the hors d'oeuvres trolley by a young foreign waiter who did not know salami from a sardine. In fact he introduced something as "cod's roe" which turned out to be sauerkraut.

It was a disappointing selection: there was nothing on the trolley which could not have been brought in from a moderately good delicatessen, except for a delicious fresh salmon mayonnaise, cursorily described as "fish" by the waiter.

The pâté was nondescript, the mushrooms tasteless, and I deplore the habit of chopping food up into dainty cubes, as, for instance, the smoked salmon was presented.

My companion said it reminded him of schoolboy treats at large hotels, but it only cost £1.50, which may prove to be cheap these days.

## Redundant

Cyril Ray, the wine writer, has kindly congratulated us on our campaign (if it can be called that) against redundant words. But he has accompanied his congratulations with 37 examples which he claims to have culled from *The Times* and *The Times Literary Supplement.*

He heads part of the list "the intrusive-preposition and double-preposition situation", and the examples there include "head up", "face up to", "meet up with", "lose out on" and 17 other phrases in which Ray claims the meaning would not be altered if the prepositions were omitted.

He also says he found "this moment of time" (meaning now) in a *Times* first leader and "a nonsense", meaning nonsense, elsewhere. He also objects to "keep his cool", "personal friend" and "in actual fact".

The English language is evidently full of snares and pitfalls (or just snares if you prefer), and H. R. F. Keating, the crime writer, has warned us that we would be getting into trouble over "situations". Sure enough readers have been ringing and writing busily every time the word appears in *The Times,* as though there were to be a complete ban on its use in any context. There was nothing wrong with "dynamic political situation" in the leader of August 21, for example.

Keating's view is that the use of the word situation with an adjectival noun or phrase is a handy way of saying "a position in which something is likely to happen".

That is not, though, how an Australian senate committee used it when they condemned a "conflict of interest situation" which had given rise to insider trading in mining shares; or the BBC newscaster who said on Radio 4 that Timor was in "a Pacific situation".

*A little disaster hit our coverage of the disasters at the Edinburgh Festival yesterday too. Ludovic Kennery and Moira Shearer were reading from Lady Antonia Fraser's anthology of Scottish love poems this week as had always been planned. Vivien Merchant's place, reading from* Is Anybody There? *next week, has been taken by Judi Dench. Apologies to all concerned.*

## Atrocities

There has been a steady flow of letters vilifying careless anglers since we reported that discarded hooks and lines had almost wiped out the cygnets on the Serpentine this year. People think fishing there should be banned, and anglers everywhere taught to take their litter home.

Molly and John Burkett of the National Wildlife Rescue Service say that their animal rehabilitation centre in Lincolnshire expects to receive between 30 and 40 fishing line victims a year. One heron caught in a fishing line which became tangled in brambles had cut through the bone of one leg and two toes in its struggles to free itself, and had to be destroyed.

Other cases they have seen recently included a swan whose beak had become so entangled that the bird could no longer eat and was close to death from starvation, and a tawny owl caught in an elm tree with line so tightly tangled round it that it could not move and was taken for dead.



*"It's alright, sir. It's one of theirs."*

Equally distressing reports from other sources have concerned cormorants, blackbirds, pigeons and even a per cat (which survived).

There has been just one card from a repentant angler. The Hon Mrs Alice Parsons has confessed that once, when fishing a Scottish loch, she went for lunch and left her rod and line, with baited hook, on the bank. When she returned she found a waterhen had swallowed the worm and hook, and she had to fetch her husband to kill the poor bird. A grisly tale which may serve as a warning to others.

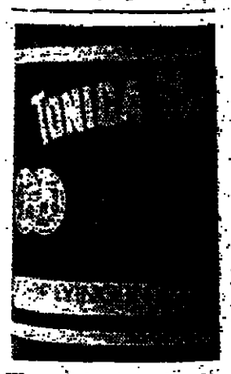
## Delicate

The BBC still hope that a soft answer may turn away wrath. Colin Shaw, the chief secretary, has just sent Ernest (husband of Mary) Whitehouse an explanation of how God came to be described in the programme *Beneath* as a "Pommy bastard".

"Humour is a flower", he writes, that Whitehouse could the joke. "I think, that this rather stron had a completely force behind it if you that it came at the song based on the s of the England-Austr match of 1956 playe Trafford, and won by in somewhat unexpe constances owing not freakish weather condi

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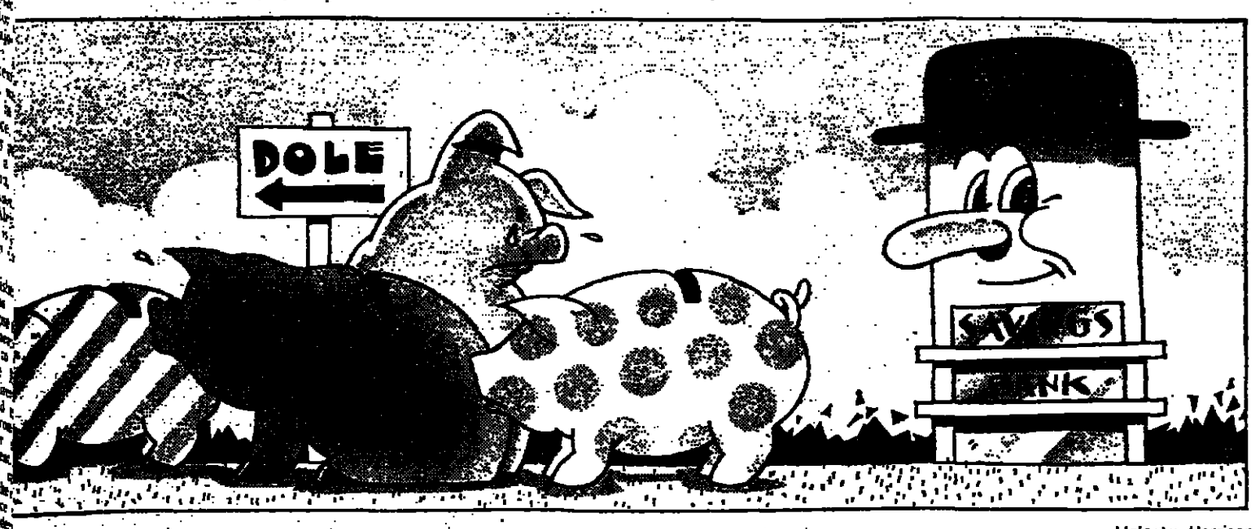
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a Special Report to mark the eleventh International Savings Bank Congress which opens next week in Bogotá

# Savings banks




Malcolm Harrison

## Fears of uncertain future bring in the cash

by James Mulchrone

most countries—the nor- e exceptions being the ab states and Iran—some ings bank system now rs. While many of these n-profit banks arose al- st spontaneously out of North European social ds of the early nine- nth century, Scotland, rmany and Denmark pro- le the strongest conten- rs for the title "father of vings banks".

Savings banks have come ther a long way since the w Henry Duncan of Ruth- ll used to look after the vings of the local poor in Dumfriesshire croft. The eadth of the international vour of 1975 savings bank- g can be judged by the t that next week repre- tatives of savings banks m 20 countries are meet- at the start of the venth International Sav- s Banks Congress in ota, Colombia.

Yet despite their size roughout the world banks funds of £181,000m) the ings banks face formid- able problems. Not surprisingly, they name inflation as the prime worry. It is the traditional enemy of the small saver, causing a negative effective return on investments and a real erosion of funds. But as far as the banks' own fortunes are concerned, most now say that increasing unemployment has taken over from inflation as the dominant factor in the customers' mind. Working people, among whom the savings banks' strengths lie, are saving against future uncertainty, whether the return is slightly negative or not. The deposits of the banks are now swelling again both because people are saving again and because inflation is beginning to abate.

All this has caused the savings banks to breathe a sigh of relief. Many of the world's savings institutions invest in longer-term stocks or fixed-term mortgage loans. Obvious difficulties occur if, as last year, there is a high and sustained level of withdrawals. Savings banks saw interest rates, which rose only about 1 per cent in the previous 10 years, rise by some 3 per cent in the early 1970s following the trend of international inflation.

But now interest rates are declining to a more realistic level, meaning that underlying investments and hence margins are squeezed less hard. Although the turn-about in deposits and lower interest rates has eased the basic savings banking equation, there is still considerable pressure arising from the increasing costs of administration.

With inflation striking at the very heart of their business, the savings banks have recently been reexamining their international role and prospects. Much of this has been carried out under the auspices of the Geneva-based International Savings Banks Institute (ISBI), which has perhaps found its true purpose as a catalyst for the establishment of savings banks in less developed countries.

Indeed, the theme of next week's conference is "Partners for a Developing World". Many of the banks set up under ISBI tutelage (for example in Ethiopia) are agricultural banks funding rural development programmes. Perhaps the beginnings of some European savings banks as providers of credit for farm seed has subconsciously stirred them to this kind of Third World endeavour.

But the international savings banks have not yet succeeded in setting up their international central banking institution, despite years of discussion. There have been, however, some cooperation successes, such as the setting up of the Banque Nord-Europe as a partnership between the former Nordic Savings Bank's central banks and the Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, and the recognition of the ISBI by various United Nations organizations. However, much work remains, in particular towards the acceptance of savings banks into such organizations as the IMF.

On a European level, the savings banks have formed an effective EEC lobby group in Brussels watching over the successive regulations emanating from the Commission on the harmonization of banking laws.

The bonds linking the international savings banks are quite loose, a factor arising from the varying nature of the banks themselves, ranging from the massive State Savings Bank of the Soviet Union to small local banks in many countries of Europe and North America. Linking them together is the fact that they are mutual organizations (non-profit distributing) and aim to act with social responsibility, in the public interest.

Normally they operate in well-defined regions, not competing with fellow savings banks: but this ethos has recently been under some strain in Germany with city-based banks feeling that with the movement of housing, and hence factories, to the suburbs they cannot cater only for a dwindling city-centre market and so have set up branches outside their traditional zone.

Another fairly common factor among savings banks has been their contribution to public sector funding, often receiving a government guarantee and depositors' personal tax concessions in return. Tight control of investments usually accompanies this system and now the savings banks are looking to more profitable areas for investing their funds.

On a national level, the cooperation between savings banks has been increasing, particularly in wholesale (central) banking, automation and marketing. With the several hundreds of savings banks, for instance, in Germany and Sweden, the need for these central institutions is obvious.

This greater level of cooperation has been largely as a result of commercial banks beginning to operate very strongly in the middle market. Across Europe, somewhat of a battleground has developed with all national banking institutions realizing that the fastest real earnings growth was in the middle market, added to the fact that many of the people concerned are still without bank accounts. This was added to the knowledge that increasingly, both factory and office workers are being asked to accept wage payment in a non-cash form. The attention of the commercial competitors was thus firmly focused on the savings banks' traditional customer.

Many social trends, such as youth's rejection of big business units amid the tide of consumerism, should point to a rosy future for the savings banks. Provided they continue to regard the saver as an individual whose needs they exist to serve, rather than merely a source of future business, their present success will continue.

## Independence rewards virtue

by Margaret Stone

Early in the next session of Parliament a Bill is to be introduced which will give formal recognition to the already accepted fact that the trustee savings bank movement is about to cut itself away from the apron strings of national savings to become a third and independent force in domestic banking.

It is over two years since Sir Harry Page reported the findings of his committee which had been set up to investigate national savings. Whatever the Government had been expecting from this inquiry, one suspects it was not the thoroughgoing attack on national savings and its associated institutions which emerged. The trustee savings bank movement was almost the only part to be given a clean bill of health. The reward for virtue was at first a little strong to stomach. Quickly, the trustee savings banks accepted the Page suggestion that they should become independent. What's more, the Government also approved the suggestion.

A full-time working party, chaired by Mr Tom Bryans, the general manager of the Northern Ireland Trustee Savings Bank, who was later to be appointed the chief executive of the new central organization for the new-look trustee savings banks, was immediately brought into action. It liaised with the Government and, after a hitch caused by the change of government at the beginning of last year which meant going through the whole business again with the incoming Labour Administration, a year later the new proposals for the trustee savings banks were unveiled.

The broad outcome of the proposals was that the Government agreed that the trustee savings banks should be empowered to develop along the lines recommended in the Page report with the proviso that there should be a principal structural change resulting in the reduction of the number of individual banks from 72 to 15 strong regional banks. In addition, a new central body was to be set up which would basically take over the powers, such as inspection, at present exercised by the Government.

It was reckoned that about 10 years would be the minimum transition period during which time the banks would phase out their investments in the Fund for the Banks of Savings and gradually dispense with fiscal aids, such as being able to offer tax-free interest on ordinary accounts. During the transitional period the Government intends to retain sufficient powers of control and intervention to protect depositors.

Condensed into a paragraph or two, the new *modus vivendi* sketched out for the trustee savings banks possibly appears less daunting to accomplish than is the case. What is amazing is that so much has already been achieved smoothly. The delay in introducing legislation to give the trustee savings banks the necessary go-ahead might have caused doubting outsiders to wonder if all was well. Those within the movement accepted the delay for what it was, another casualty of the parliamentary log-jam, and got on with the job in hand, even though the enabling legislation was officially not yet there.

Inevitably, activity has so far centred on securing the two essential structural changes required: the reduction in the number of individual banks and the formation of a new Central Board.

The idea at first was that the number of individual banks would be reduced from 72 to 15 together with the Birmingham Municipal Bank. In the event it has proved easier to go for a new total of 17. The amalgamations have in some instances embraced half a dozen or so banks, in others only two have joined together to provide a new regional bank. With a duplication (at minimum) of trustees (the equivalent of non-executive directors) and senior managers, it is no mean triumph that the reduction has occurred, with possibly one exception, with so little fuss and bother.

The creation of a central body and finding a suitable incumbent for the role of its chief general manager was certainly the more difficult task in as much as there was little foundation to build upon. The Trustee Savings Bank Association has been in existence for many years but the Central Trustee Savings Bank—the bank of all the trustee savings banks and its future clearer—is only two years old. Other centralized functions, such as the unit trust group and computer services are also fairly recent innovations. Another problem is the delayed legislation meaning that the central organization has had to begin its planning function in advance of possible changes which the actual legislation may involve.

After advertising the post of new chief executive in spring, the appointment was made in May. Although there had been applicants from outside the trustee savings banks movement, it came as no particular surprise to find that the job had been given to a chief general manager of one of the trustee savings banks.

Mr Tom Bryans, apart from heading the working party for independence, is also one of the movement's computer experts and a banker with strong views about the automation which must increase in banks. His view is that book-keeping is not banking: freeing staff from these chores in order that they may give time and advice to depositors' financial problems is banking. In future the trustee savings banks will be able to offer their customers loans as well.

It is beginning to emerge that the Central Board will have responsibilities for six important divisions, computer services, business development, inspection, personnel, finance planning and the financial services offered by the Central Bank and unit trust and life assurance group. It has new offices in the City, close to the Bankers' Clearing House. Its relationship with the 17 regional banks can best be described as the capital of a federated state. Each of 17 banks will have a trustee on the board to help to coordinate policy.

Some might argue that it can be only a matter of time before the proposed federal structure gives way to a single identifiable trustee savings bank. However, this tends to ignore the fierce local pride of the individual banks which have already had to accept mergers into regional banks. It also ignores the amount of more important work the trustee savings banks have to do.

First and foremost is the expansion of the banks' national network of 1,560 branches and the continuous need to attract more customers. As more than half the adult population is still without a bank account, the trustee savings banks with their strong tradition of service and friendliness are looking forward to pushing well ahead on this front.

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## Greek Post Office Savings Bank

The Greek Post Office Savings Bank, one of the country's most important organisations, constitutes an independent public service, both administratively and economically decentralised.

Financially independent, the organisation draws up its own budget and comes under the competence of the Minister of Transport and Communications.

Its basic targets are:

First, the promotion of saving among all classes of the Greek people, with the objective of attracting savings in the form of deposits, and,

Secondly, the transfer of these deposits, in the form of credits, to individuals, for the acquisition of a house of their own, and to corporate bodies, especially under public law, for the implementation of productive long-term public utility projects.

The Post Office Savings Bank accepts interest-bearing deposits of various categories, and more specifically:

(1) Deposits of usual savings, at an interest of 9%.

(2) Deposits under three-month notice, at an interest of 9.5%.

(3) Deposits of usual savings, in foreign exchange 7.5%.

(4) Deposits under three-month notice, in foreign exchange 8%.

(5) Deposits of current accounts, at an interest of 4%.

All deposits are state guaranteed.

The most important category of deposits is the last of the above. Persons in the possession of deposit booklets of this category may carry out transactions at the 88 branches of the organisation and the 750 post offices offering savings services. These are scattered throughout the country and many of them are open on Sundays and holidays.

It is indicative of the confidence shown by Greek savers in the Post Office Savings Bank that its depositors, totalling 2,374,000 persons on June 30, 1975, represent approximately a quarter of the country's population.

The fact that deposits with the Post Office Savings Bank, which amounted to Drs 42,135,000,000 on June 30, 1975, are approximately equal to one-fourth of the Greek State Budget, shows the size and importance of the organisation, which participates with 28% of the total amount of savings bank deposits of all credit institutions in the country.

The investment of this important amount of money-proceeds of savings, mainly by the middle and popular classes with the Post Office Savings Bank, is carried out within the framework of its statutory provisions fixed by the state monetary authority—always with the criterion of full safety of the invested capital and the serving of purely public utility and productive objectives.

The gathered capital is allocated for loans as follows:

(1) To individuals against the mortgage of valuables. These loans are due in three months, but may be extended each time for another three-month period; their rate of interest amounts today to 8%, that is to say, it is smaller than the deposit interest.

(2) To individuals for the acquisition of a home and to public organisations for the implementation of public utility development projects.

Individuals entitled to a loan include civil servants, state pensioners and employees of corporate bodies under public law. These loans are repaid within 25 years and are presently granted at an interest of 8.5%. The fact that 50,000 salaried persons have so far acquired a house on the strength of mortgage loans from the Post Office Savings Bank, at a total of Drs 11,104,000,000, provides a measure of the organisation's contribution to the state's social policy.

Public utility state organisations which have obtained loans from the Post Office Savings Bank include the following:

(1) The Public Power Corporation for the strengthening of the electrification programme.

(2) The Greek Telecommunications Organisation for telecommunication projects.

(3) The National Road-Building Fund for the strengthening of the country's road-building programme.

(4) The School Buildings Organisation for the promotion of the programme of erection of school buildings throughout the country.

(5) Regional Authorities and Port Funds for Port and various other projects in the provinces.

These loans are granted at an interest rate which is proportionate to that of the deposit interest.

Today, the rate of interest for grants ranges from 10.5 to 11.5%. The usual period of these loans is 15 years. The sum allocated for these loans up to June 30, 1975, totalled Drs 28,600,000,000. In addition to the above basic form of redepositing the capital gathered by the organisation, this capital is also conveyed:

(a) To the purchase of bonded loans floated either by the state or public organisations.

(b) To loans of the state by the purchase of interest-bearing bonds.

(c) To redeposits with various private banks to strengthen commerce, industry and artisancraft.

In other sectors of its activity, the Post Office Savings Bank offers services to assist state pensioners by cashing their pension cheques through the branches and Post Office Bureaus throughout the country. It also operates a service of safe deposit boxes which are open throughout the day, to improve the service, particularly for the commercial world.

As regards its organisation, it is moving ahead at a rapid pace towards complete computerisation of all its services and the modernisation of its method of conducting transactions with the public.

On the basis of the above facts and the steadily expressed confidence of the public in it, the Post Office Savings Bank looks to the future with optimism and has the ambition to contribute to the efforts made by the government for the creation of real prosperity and progress of the Greek people, within the framework of the pleasant conditions which have been created by the re-establishment of democracy in the country.

## Homes put societies in the lead

*Competition among Britain's* savings institutions never ceases but their attractions ebb and flow. It is ironic, for example, that National Savings, so long castigated as the villain in the savings movement, is enjoying unprecedented popularity with its two forms of index-linked savings. A total of £108m of the retirement bonds have been sold and 133,000 SAYE accounts, worth £2m a month, since June and July respectively.

It is also perhaps ironic that the trustee savings banks, whose funds have done so much to keep up the level of National Savings, should be excluded from participating in the index-linked schemes, the first winners that National Savings has had since the introduction of the Premium Savings Bond in 1956.

On balance, however, one suspects that the trustee savings banks relish the thought of their forthcoming freedom from the state too much to worry unduly about being barred, for that reason, from the latest additions to the National Savings range.

The table on page II was taken from *Personal Savings and Wealth* (an Economists Advisory Group Research Study, published by the *Financial Times*). It is the largest survey of savings undertaken in Britain and the first major study on the subject for 10 years. The table gives a very clear guide to the important trends in personal savings in Britain since 1951. Heading the list are building societies, followed by life assurance with the trustee savings banks in third place, closely followed by the growth of clearing bank accounts.

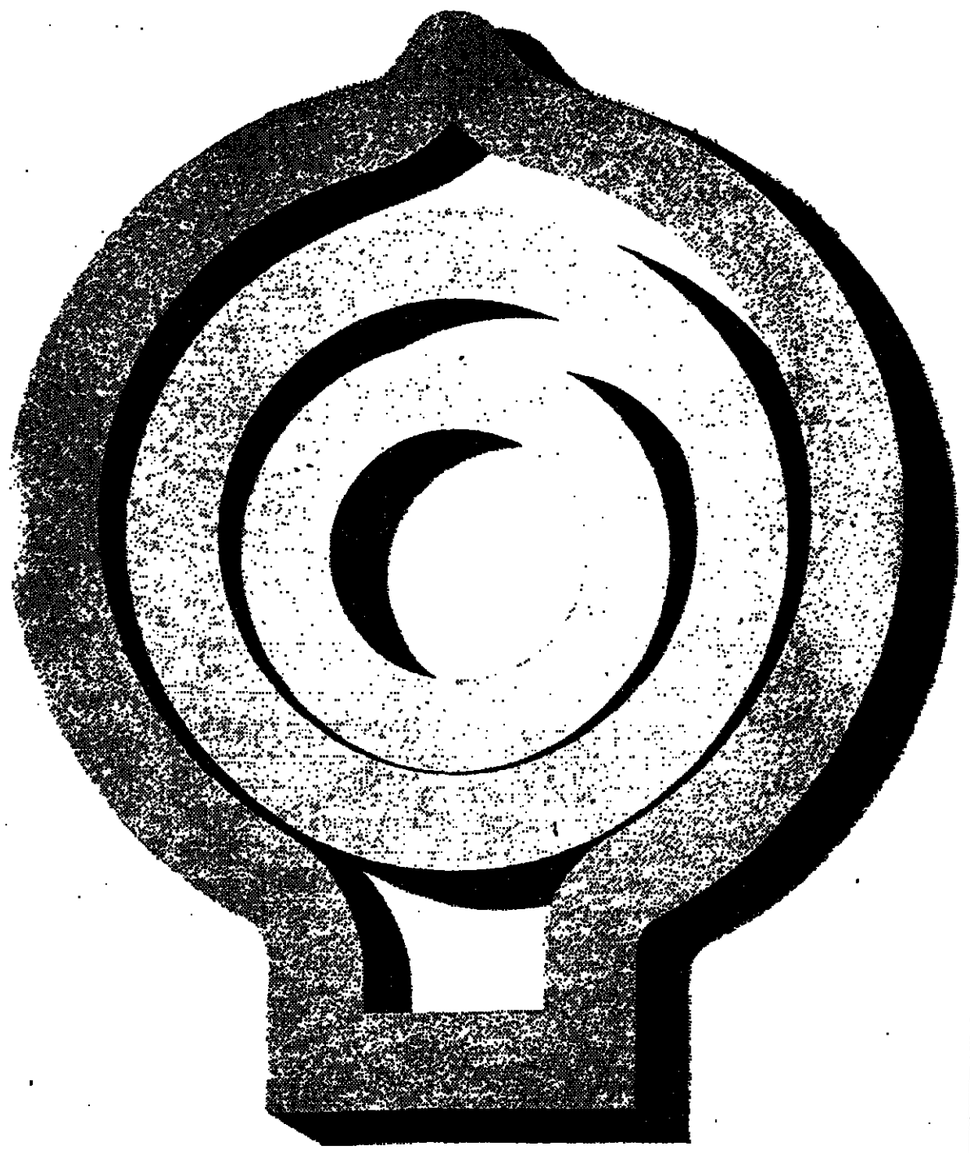
From a very small base in 1960, unit trusts have made great progress and there has also been a threefold increase in pension funds since then. National Savings, excluding the trustee savings banks, are a very poor runner.

Building societies have gained their preeminence in the savings market because of increasing affluence and therefore increased desire for home-ownership. Owner-occupation has gone up from 27.8 per cent of all dwellings in 1953 to 52.2 per cent of all homes in 1973. The demand for home-ownership continues and the surest way of obtaining a mortgage is to save with a building society.

In addition, the safety and security offered by societies plus their uncomplicated pro-

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# Six figure clients join smaller savers

by E. A. Ostro

It is easy—and even fashionable in some circles—to assert that savings banks are outdated, relics of an era long gone when commercial banks looked down their collective noses at the lower classes whose savings were counted in pennies instead of pounds.

Now that the big banks woo small accounts with almost as much gusto as they court wealthier clients, why are savings banks—no longer the sole financial institutions that would look twice at small deposits—not counted in the thousands or at least in the hundreds?

Savings banks have grown rapidly in the past several decades, both in size and advancement. In addition to their traditional clients, the so-called "smaller savers", many now serve commercial, industrial and professional clients whose accounts run to six figures. At one recent seminar of savings bankers, profits were the fulcrum of attention, with somewhat scoffing and patronizing remarks reserved for the savings banks' tradition of community service. Savings bankers, just as any other bankers, like to show profits above all else at the close of the financial year.

It is perfectly true that savings banking has grown from a localized, wholly community-oriented service to "smaller savers" to a giant factor in national and international finance. In West Germany, for example, the savings banking sector—including savings banks, public building societies and regional savings-cum-giro institutions (*Landesbanken*)—is the largest and richest grouping in the banking structure. It comprises 710 savings banks with combined assets of DM285,000m, 14 regional giro institutions with some DM225,000m in assets; and public building societies worth nearly DM30,000m. Even dividing the savings banks' assets among their 16,300 branches makes each one worth DM17.5m, not exactly small by any yardstick.

Britain's trustee savings banks are in the throes of a comprehensive reorganization that aims to make them a more powerful "third force" in British banking. Their unique trustee status will be all but obliterated, but they will be rewarded with much the same powers as the commercial banks: access to clearing houses, fewer limitations and obligations in their banking activities, and the all-important power to extend personal credit.

In the United States and in France, savings banks are laboriously acquiring rights to offer their clients a greater variety of banking services including—often for the first time—chequing accounts. These powers have long been established for savings banks in Italy, Spain and Scandinavia among other areas.

There seems little doubt that banking is acquiring a more uniform face, both nationally and internationally.

But as Sir Athelstan Carõe, chairman of the Trustee Savings Banks Association, said in an interview published in the current edition of the International Savings Banks Institute's quarterly magazine, *Savings Banks International*, "We shall not become commercial banks. We shall be serving the individual and commerce as well. . . . But we're not there for the purpose of making a profit. We are serving the community on a mutual basis. And so we are different and we intend to be different.

"And we intend, by and large, to pursue the policy of providing the means for the little man to save, just as we have done for the last 160 years."

Along the same line, Herr Helmut Geiger, president of the Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband (the German Savings Banks Association), pointed out recently in *Savings Banks International*: "It has proved very useful to have two large competitive systems side by side. On the one hand you have the large commercial banks . . . that devote themselves in particular to the financing of industry and of foreign trade. On the other hand you have institutions with strong local or regional links which, by virtue of their statutes and of their business objectives, concentrate on savings, on private households, on small trades and industries, on agriculture and on municipal financing.

"A healthy competitive relationship is thus built up between these two banking groups, locally and regionally, competition that develops in every town and district. . . .

"I would therefore definitely advise the preservation of this distinction. The preservation of two large groupings—in some countries three—formed from savings banks, cooperative credit societies and commercial banks. . . ."

These two leading figures in savings banking have pinpointed savings banks' continuing raison d'être: the less well-to-do still need institutions geared to their needs for saving money and for borrowing money. And the savings banking structure acts as a healthy counterweight to the commercial banks, which would have it all their own, unfettered way but for the competition of an essentially parallel and similar banking sector.

One has only to look at the decline in services offered by monopolistic institutions to realize how critical this element of competition is in dealing with people's money.

Savings banks, with their strong local ties and with their image of small, personalized service, are increasingly attractive to younger people, who are "turned off" by the impersonal service of many larger commercial institutions.

Finally, savings banking has an important role to play in the underdeveloped world—a role that could be greatly enlarged.

Genuine savings banks, where they are allowed to exist, tend to keep savings on regional and local levels, using them for sorely needed credit then and there, for smaller agricultural, industrial and commercial development and for personal credit. Of course it takes a degree of awareness frequently not apparent in many nations to encourage institutions that act as counterweights to governments, so that all too often genuine savings banking is bastardized into central accumulation of savings falsely billed as savings banking.

From the days of the first United Kingdom savings bank in Scotland, more than a century and a half ago, genuine savings banks have been obliged, usually by law, to lend a substantial portion of their deposits to the communities in which they are situated, and to other institutions within that area.

If commercial banks have been doing the same thing on a much larger scale and for much longer, they have never provided the check to centralized and often arbitrary use and misuse of bank deposits, as have savings banks.

Much of this may be quite marginal from the point of view of the developed world. After all, the vast bulk of the $400,000m of deposits in the savings institutions that are members of the International Savings Banks Institute are in the developed world. That is where the action is.

Yet the growth potential in the developing nations of Africa, Asia, South America and Oceania must not be underestimated; the ISBI's World Congress of Savings Banks in Bogotá, Colombia from September 1-4 testifies to the importance attached to such growth by the world's major savings banks, almost all ISBI members.

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## Homes put societies in the lead

**Assets largely owned by individuals**

| | Year ending March 31 £m | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Category | 1951 | 1961 | 1971 | 1974 |
| National savings certificates | 2,170 | 2,654 | 2,508 | 2,567 |
| Defence bonds, national development bonds and British savings bonds | 934 | 1,059 | 756 | 868 |
| Premium bonds | — | 310 | 810 | 1,020 |
| SAYE (Dept for National Savings) | — | — | 30 | 180 |
| National Savings Bank | 1,926 | 1,737 | 1,795 | 2,096 |
| Trustee savings banks | 914 | 1,359 | 2,635 | 3,413 |
| All national savings | 6,130 | 7,324 | 8,805 | 10,474 |
| | Year ending December 31 | | | |
| | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1973 |
| Life assurance funds (book value) | 2,500 (approx) | 5,428 | 15,094 | 18,125 |
| Superannuation funds (market value) | — | 3,172 | 9,960 | 12,022* |
| London clearing banks: current accounts | 4,221 | 4,296 | 6,625 | 21,632 |
| London clearing banks: deposit accounts | 1,839 | 2,588 | 5,576 | |
| Unit trusts (market value) | — | 201 | 1,991 | 2,060 |
| Building societies | 1,256 | 3,166 | 12,919 | 17,556 |

*March 31 1973 for local authorities, end 1972 for others.

*Source: Personal Savings and Wealth in Britain, and EAG Business Research Study.*

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duct, tax-paid in the hands of the investor, has in the past assured the societies of a good stream of funds, albeit not always sufficient to meet mortgage demand.

However, changing attitudes to savings both by the public and the institutions, mean that the building societies' world is no longer as comfortable as it was. Investors are becoming more discriminatory and the societies attract and equally quickly lose large amounts of money which are moved from one savings home to another.

Consequently, the societies last year were faced in two successive months with a net outflow of funds for the first time in the established history of the movement. This year, interest rates moved in their favour, and net receipts reached a record £406m in April. The increased susceptibility to interest rates in general is likely to continue and building society investment rate changes could be more frequent.

Number two on the list of the most popular forms of savings is life assurance. Goaded into greater activity by the thrusting attitude of newer life offices, offering policies linked to unit trusts and property bonds and so on, and benefiting from the increasing awareness of the income tax reliefs associated with life assurance, the industry has enjoyed a boom. But it has ended on a sour note with the collapse of Nation Life and the near failure of others.

The repercussions of the first failure of a life office within living memory will take time to filter through, but they will. First, the cost of the rescue fund proposed in the Policyholders' Protection Bill will be met by future policy-holders. Second, the industry will enter a cautious phase in respect of the new insurance themes it chooses to offer in the future. In other words, we can look forward to a greater emphasis perhaps on insurance as protection rather than insurance as investment and possibly less aggressive selling.

Another industry which has eschewed the aggressive approach is the clearing banks. The heady days of competition and credit control, introduced in 1971, are over. The clearing banks, after a massive search for customers and prospective borrowers, are counting the cost of spreading downmarket.

The fact remains that more than half the population of Britain does not have a bank account. It is a market the trustee savings banks are hoping to penetrate more deeply under their new look.

Like the clearing banks, the trustee savings banks have developed a wide range of ancillary savings services: unit trusts, life plans, and so on. soon be in the personal loans in able to provide a prehensive curre savings and credi customers. Unlike ing banks, they be able to put t customer first.

# Deliberate expansion abroad

by Peter Norman

## W Germany

There are about 710 savings banks dotted throughout West Germany. With a network of slightly more than 16,000 branch offices, of which nearly half are one-man operations, it is easy to see why the savings bank movement depends mainly on its 12 regional central banks, the Landesbank Girozentrale, for conducting the foreign business of its clients.

Few West German savings banks run international departments. The main exception is the Hamburger Sparkasse which in terms of its balance sheet total of about DM 10,000m (about £2,000m), happens to be twice the size of the local Landesbank Gironzentrale.

But one must look to the West German financial centre of Frankfurt to find anything on a similar scale. There the two local savings banks also maintain foreign departments, but for the rest of the German savings bank network it is fair to generalize and say that the local Landesbank Gironzentrale, of which there is generally one for each federal state, is the savings banks' window on to the outside world.

On the foreign side, the Landesbanken Girozentralen have been able to accumulate the necessary experience required to offer a client at the smallest savings bank the service that he wishes. In contrast to countries like Japan, where the import-export trade is channelled primarily through large corporations and trading organizations, a surprising amount of Germany's foreign trade remains the preserve of the small to medium-sized company which is often a client of the local savings bank.

The regional central banks of the savings bank organization are able to offer an extensive network of correspondent banks abroad. The services they offer range from providing letters of credit and documentation to international payments traffic, the purchase and sale of precious metals, foreign exchange dealing and forward exchange cover, advisory services and the provision of trade information.

However, in international business the Landesbanken Girozentralen also do a great deal more. The past few years have seen a dramatic increase in the scale of their operations abroad. Westdeutsche Landesbank, for example, has a branch office in London and representative offices in Beirut, Melbourne, New York and Tokyo.

It was one of the founders of the Orion international banking group, of which the National Westminster Bank is also a member, and is a partner in the Libra Bank, which specializes in business in Latin America. The Westdeutsche has a subsidiary bank in Luxembourg and holdings in two Luxembourg-based and two Paris-based banks. It is active in the Eurocurrency markets and a leading underwriter of new Eurobonds.

Clearly such a wide range of activities on the international front did not arise through merely serving the requirements of savings bank clients in North Rhine-Westphalia. The Westdeutsche and the other Landesbanken Girozentralen have pursued a deliberate policy of expanding their foreign business in recent years and in so doing have increasingly assumed the character of "universal" banks.

In part the expansion into foreign banking results from the rather peculiar constitution of the Landesbanken Girozentralen. A bank like the Westdeutsche does not just perform the functions of central bank for the various savings banks in its particular state but is also obliged to help to finance the state and its municipalities. In so doing it is authorized to carry out all forms of banking business.

In their role as financing institutions for their home states, the Landesbanken Girozentralen are important forces in the domestic German capital market. With the emergence and development of Eurocurrency and Eurobond markets it was natural that their activities should spread outside Germany's borders.

The Landesbanken Girozentralen are profit-oriented institutions. International business happens to be one of the more profitable sectors of banking besides allowing best use of individual knowledge and equipment. Furthermore, the spread of international trade and contacts in the past 25 years has meant that the German savings banks and their Landesbanken Girozentralen have had to expound their international services to avoid losing customers to competing private banks.

As Herr Ludwig Poullain, chief executive of the Westdeutsche Landesbank, said in a recent interview, the international activities of savings bank clients in West Germany mean that his bank cannot simply break off its services at the national frontier.

But the expansion into foreign business has not been without difficulties for the savings bank and their regional central banks.

The Landesbanken Girozentralen are newcomers to the international banking scene and have not been able to exploit the long years of contact abroad cultivated by the large private banks. Also there have been some costly errors. Last year the Westdeutsche lost DM 270m on the foreign exchange market while the Hessische Landesbank's purchase of a holding in Banque de Crédit International of Geneva was one of the many reasons behind losses totalling DM 1,800m in 1973 and 1974.

The Hessische Landesbank's abrupt participation and later withdrawal from BCI together with its heavy losses in speculative building projects in West Germany, raised the question whether the Landesbanken Girozentralen should not return to their original function of simply serving the savings banks, municipalities and regional governments of their respective states.

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# Pumping more liquid assets into economy

by Richard Wigg

## France

Two years ago one of the best known big French commercial banks had a striking deposit account advertisement showing a rigorous young bank manager who declared: "your money interests me".

Nowadays young people do not interpret such an advertisement as expressing willingness to give sound advice on where to place savings by an institutionalized kind uncle, but rather as a frank desire to profit from *pumping more liquid assets* into France's booming economy.

That, at any rate, is what *the French savings bank* movement reckons it has discovered from an in-depth survey the Union Nationale des Caisses d'Epargne conducted this year. This was designed to discover the attitudes of French people, aged 16 to 20, to savings and money matters in general.

The survey, whose full results have yet to be made public, showed that a fundamental characteristic of France's savings bank movement—the obligatory transfer of part of deposits as loans to the local authorities to help to finance their social services projects and housing—appeals considerably to young people. However, many do not know about the transfer and were surprised to learn that their local Olympic swimming pool or sport facilities, which have blossomed widely in France *since the 1960s, were* financed out of Caisse d'Epargne savings. Thus the Frenchmen's well-known resistance towards local taxes is at least countered.

The mechanism for this aid is that financial *éminence grise* of the French bureaucracy, the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, the government agency dominating the workings of the French capital market.

Roughly half the capital sums managed by the Caisse des Dépôts (amounting to 225,000m francs at the end of 1973) came from the Caisses d'Epargne. Some 60 per cent of the local authorities' programmed investment comes through Caisse des Dépôts loans.

Some of these loans, at 8 to 9.75 per cent for 20 to 30 years, compared with today's market rate of 13 to 14 per cent over 15 years, are allocated on a regional basis under the 1950 Minjoz law, by the Caisses d'Epargne so that a local community benefits from the deposits collected by the region's *caisses*.

There are two sorts of savings banks in France—the Caisses d'Epargne et Prévoyance which started at the beginning of the nineteenth century under British inspiration (*the first, that of* Paris, dates from 1818), and the Caisse Nationale d'Epargne, the French state post office savings system.

Grouped under the symbol of the Squirrel the 503 autonomous Caisses d'Epargne (with a network of 5,000 branches) accounted at the beginning of this year for 48.8 per cent (124,000m francs) of total French savings banks deposits, compared to the 26.8 per cent (68,000m francs) in the Post Office savings system, and 24.4 per cent (62,000m francs) in savings accounts with the commercial banks.

The French savings bank scene of the past few years has been essentially characterized by the battle between the Caisses d'Epargne and the commercial banks, each competing to tap that abiding and profound French instinct to put something aside.

The survey of the 16 to 20 year olds illustrates the same theme: the "Squirrel" banks wanted to find out how to retain their savers. Statistics show that while they command 63 per cent of young people's accounts at 16, by the time they are 20 the percentage has dropped to 40 per cent in the commercial banks' favour.

The modern marketing methods of the French commercial banks, largely copied from the United States, forced the Caisses d'Epargne, which had been slumbering on a near savings monopoly *for a century and half, to* counter-attack. But this was not easy, for their legal status enshrined a non-lucrative *concept*, redolent of the early nineteenth century, that of benevolent gentlemen looking after the hard-won savings of "the industrious and economic little folk"—to quote the founding statute of the Paris *caisse*. The obligation to consign its deposits to *the Caisse des dépôts (with* the proviso they must not go to aid private firms), coupled with a state guarantee only further encouraged this non-commercial spirit.

But two laws, passed by the French Parliament in July 1971 and January 1972, particularly providing for the creation of savings councillors, enable the *caisses* to arm themselves to meet the banks' competition which began when they instituted their own savings accounts.

This modernizing tendency has been continued and at the June National Congress of the Caisses d'Epargne M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, France's Economics Minister, who exercises the ultimate tutelage over the savings bank movement, announced that from next spring the "Squirrel" savings banks *will be able to issue their* own cheques. The Caisse Nationale already has the postal cheque system.

The *reforms* have also brought a widening in the services the Caisses d'Epargne offer, with the standard "Book A" account (deposits earning 7.5 per cent free of tax up to a limit of 25,000 francs), and the backbone of the traditional system, supplemented today by house-saving accounts and the two Sicav (French unit trust schemes), one geared to income (*Nouvelle France*) and the other to capital growth (*Livret Portefeuille*).

# EEC counts its millions

by Klaus Meyer-Horn

There are 1,717 savings banks throughout the EEC. Between them they have more than 32,000 branches and, to judge by the number of passbooks in circulation, 130 *million customers*. From a balance-sheet total of about £106,000m at the beginning of June this year, the savings banks were managing £75,200m in savings deposits, £14,100m in current accounts and £4,400m in fixed deposits, making a total of £93,700m in private deposits.

These vast amounts are the sum of millions of small accounts, the average balance for each passbook, on which deposits and withdrawals are regularly made, being about £500. Considerable *differences* also exist from one country to the next as regards legal form, organization and business structure: savings banks exist not only as private foundations, associations and cooperatives, but also as municipal and state institutions (apart *from Belgium and Luxembourg*, where centralized state savings banks operate nationally).

Most of them cover a regional or even only a local area, as in Germany, Italy and France where the principle of limited territorial *coverage is embodied in the* law and lays down that every savings bank has its own business area and may not encroach on that of another.

In recent years many local savings banks have merged to become regional savings banks, particularly in The *Netherlands* and in Denmark, where the number of savings banks has been halved during the past 15 years. Indeed, the number of banks has fallen to about three-quarters of the 2,400 in existence when the EEC was established in 1958.

*British savings banks* differ from most of their Continental counterparts, though the most closely related are the French, where the banks' funds are administered by a central state institution, the Caisse des Dépots et Consignations, a body much akin to the National Debt Office in Britain. However, for some years they have been increasingly granting their own loans (personal and mortgage loans and loans to local authorities) and, in some cases, proposing schemes in their local areas which might be financed through their central institution.

By granting loans on their own initiative, *the French* savings banks aim to evolve into family banks similar to the type which already exists in The Netherlands and is being developed in Ireland.

In the other Community countries there is little or no difference between the *savings banks and the* commercial banks as regards services offered and business transacted: they grant every kind of credit, not only to private individuals but also to industry. While some of them have built up a considerable foreign and stock exchange business, though most of that is taken on by their central institutions.

The difference between the commercial and savings banks lies less in the services they offer than in the business policy they pursue and the type of customer they attract, the difference being that they do not strive to achieve the highest possible profit. Indeed, any surplus that they make goes into building up their own funds or is spent on financing projects for the benefit of the local community.

Their main concern is also to advise the economically weaker members of the Community (mainly workers and small and medium-size firms) in all money matters *and to help in the financing* of such municipal schemes as housing, building hospitals, schools, roads and local amenities, as well as to grant credits to boost the local economy. The customers of the savings banks are therefore in the main private individuals, *local authorities and* small and medium-size firms.

In the early years of the EEC, the differences which now exist between British, Irish and French savings banks on the one hand and those of the remaining countries on the other were considerably greater. The fact that the gap has progressively closed is due in no *small measure* to the regular practice of exchanging information and experience which has been carried on between the EEC savings banks since 1963.

An example of such new developments is the introduction of cheque accounts in Belgium and Holland and the issuing by the savings banks in Germany, Denmark, France and The Netherlands of their own bonds, as has long been the practice in Italy.

They have also become more homogeneous. That can also be said of the commercial banks where the earlier stark differences between "universal" banks, deposit banks and investment banks, not to mention institutions specializing in medium and long-term credit, are beginning to disappear.

When compared with the large commercial banks, the savings banks remain medium-sized institutions with regional or local coverage, even though, as in Britain, they may amalgamate to form larger units. They are therefore entirely reliant on mutual cooperation, so it is hardly surprising that savings banks associations have long existed in most EEC countries.

The associations are concerned with organizing the business cooperation between the savings banks, particularly in the matter of payments and liquidity, and of giving legal advice where *necessary*.

From that it is only a short step to extending cooperation to Community level, by setting up an EEC association, particularly since for institutions which operate at local or regional level, like the savings banks of the *Community, new* conditions are being created from the free movement of workers and capital and the harmonization of legislation and taxation to uniform measures to protect the saver.

In 1963 the EEC Savings Banks Group was set up in Brussels, the members being the national savings banks associations. In 1973 it was enlarged to include the national associations of Britain, Ireland and Denmark. In 1967 the EEC Savings Banks Group adopted the status of an international association under Belgian law and was endowed with its own capital and a staff of more than a dozen experts *drawn from six nations*.

The activities of the group are decided by a board of administration on which two members for each country sit. They are elected by the 58 delegates to the General Assembly.

The day-to-day work is done by the secretariat which is divided into departments for business management, information, legal affairs, economic policy and administration and is managed by *a secretary general and his* deputy who are answerable to the board of administration. The work of the secretariat is centred on nine standing committees whose members consist of experts appointed from the nine member savings bank organizations.

The committees keep members informed on developments within the EEC in the savings banks sector and on studies, proposals and measures adopted by the European institutions. They also *represent the interests of* savings banks and savers by sending to the commission departments the opinions, memoranda and observations drawn up in the various committees and adopted by the board of administration.

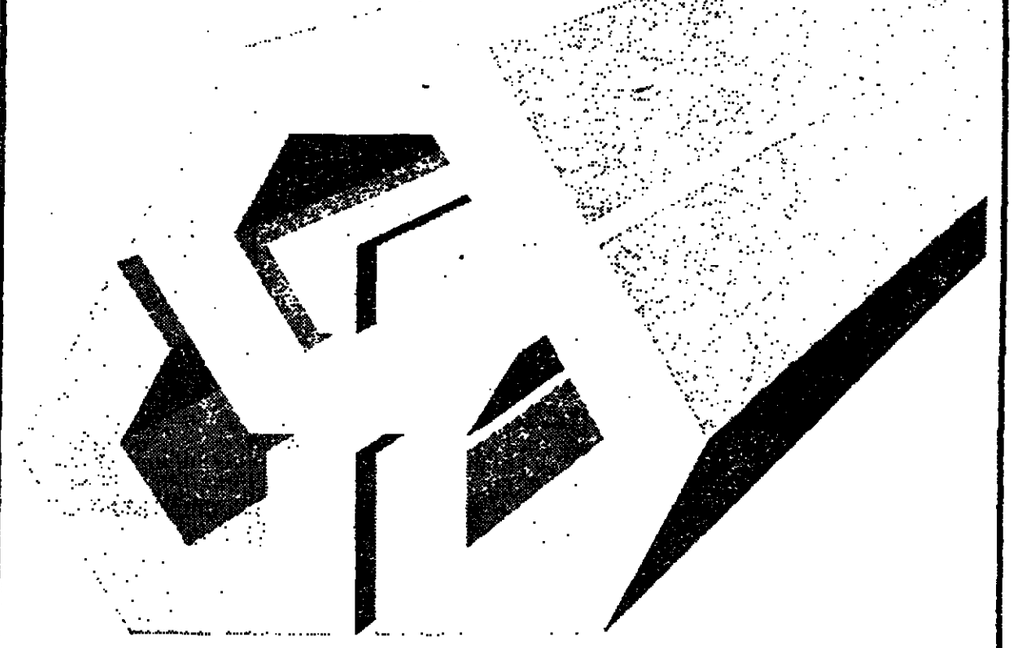
The Community rules which concern the savings banks are based mainly on three legal objectives em-

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| Belgium | 3 | 3,346 | 9,525 | 4.9 |
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| Denmark | 232 | 1,186 | 4,655 | 2.2 |
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| Britain | 71 | 1,491 | 12,978 | 3.7 |
| Italy | 89 | 3,187 | 17,115 | 16.2 |
| Ireland | 5 | 13 | 238 | 0.08 |
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**Public Savings Banks**

The German savings banks (Sparkassen) are legally and economically independent credit institutions. They are communal savings banks operated under public law. The savings banks' liabilities are guaranteed without limitation by the respective communities (town, country), whereby all deposits held by a savings bank are fully secured. The business of a savings bank is directed by its managing board.

The supervisory body of a savings bank is the board of administration, on which the general public and the local government (a town, a country or several communities) are represented. Their tasks and activities are laid down in the articles, which allow the savings banks to do all usual banking business for their customers. Transactions for their own account are subject to some limitations to secure the deposits, e.g. savings banks are not allowed to acquire securities out of their own funds.

In addition to the communal savings banks there are also a small number of 'free savings banks'. These are savings banks without a local government as guarantor. Contrary to the communal savings banks the free savings banks are subject to private law (in most cases as associations or trust).

The savings banks offer all the services of a modern banking institution. Their services are available to every private individual, every business enterprise and every local authority. The following are the most important forms of business transacted: The acceptance of all types of deposits, credit business of all kinds, encouragement of the acquisition of personal property, settlement of cashless payment transactions and all other types of banking services, e.g. transfers to payees in Germany and abroad, collection of debts, bills and receipts, execution of cheque transactions and issue of cheque cards, purchase and sale of foreign currency and travellers' payment media, caring for the need of customers in the field of foreign trade transactions.

At the end of 1974 there existed in Western Germany 700 savings banks head offices with more than 16,000 branches.

**Savings Banks Associations**

The savings banks of each federal state are united in regional Savings Banks Associations. The tasks of the regional Savings Banks Associations are among other things to represent the common interests of the savings banks; to offer information and advice to the members of the Associations in all matters of savings banking; to train staff members of the savings banks and to further their professional education; to examine the handling of business and the balance sheets of the member savings banks. At the head of the regional Savings Banks Associations is the Deutsche Sparkassen-und Giroverband in Bonn (German Savings Banks Association). It is the centralized representative of savings banks interests and corresponds to the savings banks associations on the regional level. It is the spokesman of the savings bank system in the public sphere and also to the Federal Government and parliament. Through its board and committees it influences the coordination of the savings banks and Landesbanken/Girozentralen which are also its members.

**Landesbanken and Girozentralen**

The 12 Landesbanken and Girozentralen in the Federal Republic of Germany are operating under public law, like the savings banks. Their liabilities, i.e. also the deposits maintained with them, are guaranteed by the regional Savings Banks Association, individual Lands of the Federal Republic or big communal associations. The business is directed by a managing board and the general management is supervised by the board of administration.

The Landesbanken and Girozentralen are the central banks of the savings banks. They act as clearing houses for the savings banks' national cashless payments. They hold the liquid reserves of the savings banks within their area of activity and effect the regional balancing of funds among the savings banks. Moreover, the Landesbanken and Girozentralen transact all customary banking business, e.g. granting short, medium and long-term loans to industry, commerce, trade and public authorities; in many cases they provide loans jointly with the local savings banks.

The Landesbanken and Girozentralen are entitled to make issues. They issue mortgage and municipal bonds. In addition to security and stock exchange dealings the services provided by the Landesbanken and Girozentralen include foreign business in all its fields. To an increasing extent the Landesbanken and Girozentralen participate in international money and capital transactions, and, in particular, in the business of international financing.

The Landesbanken and Girozentralen assist the savings banks in their foreign business, for which purpose the maintaining of relations with foreign banks is of particular importance. On the other hand, the extensive network of branches of the German savings banks organization is utilized by foreign banks through the Landesbanken and Girozentralen.

The standard DM travellers' cheques of the German savings banks organization issued by the Landesbanken and Girozentralen and the savings banks show as drawee Deutsche Girozentrale—Deutsche Kommunalbank, Berlin and Frankfurt am Main.

**Building Societies**

Along with the savings banks and the Landesbanken and Girozentralen there is a third group constituted by the 13 public building societies. These are institutions specialized in housing finance. Contractual savers with these building societies form their own capital which benefits in Germany from State premiums or tax relief. The building societies grant loans to their customers at favourable rates of interest with which to finance the building or purchase of their own home and land.

**Deposits and Basic Capital Resources**

The German credit business is sound. In the Federal Republic there is a well-balanced structure of private commercial banks, co-operative banks and credit institutions operating under public law, with special and general functions. The biggest group among the credit institutions operating under the public law is that of the Savings Banks (Sparkassen) and of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen. Every single deposit in these institutions is fully backed by a public guarantee. The guarantor for the savings banks is the respective local administration. The deposits of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen are guaranteed by their owners, who are usually the executive of the respective Lands of the Federal Republic and the respective savings banks.

The sources upon which the savings banks draw to set up their own capital is their net profit, after deduction of tax. The Landesbanken and Girozentralen draw their basic capital resources from the allocation of their profits to reserves and from the allocation of the guarantors, i.e. of the respective State Governments and of the regional Savings Banks Associations in those Lands of the Federal Republic.

While the private banks are able to set up their own capital in different ways (issuing of new shares, participations) the savings banks are prohibited by law from doing so. The basic capital resources of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen and of the savings banks is modest in comparison with that of the private banks.

But this is not detrimental to their business transactions because the guarantee provided by the cities, communities and states have a net worth function which covers the liabilities of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen and savings banks.

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# Lively and secure development

by John Earle

## Italy

The Italian savings banks or *casse di risparmio* form a lively and increasingly important banking sector. Figures from their representative association ACRI (Associazione fra le Casse di Risparmio Italiane) show that deposits have recently been growing more quickly than those of other banks—by 4.35 per cent between the end of December and March 31, compared to 3.22 per cent for the rest of the banking system.

Their deposits totalling 23,314,700m lire (about £15,543m) at the end of March account for more than a quarter of the 83,782,400m lire (£55,855m) held by the banking system as a whole. The 90 savings banks have 3,276 branches out of 11,331 banking branches throughout the country.

Savings banks are able to engage in short, medium and long-term lending, as distinct from the commercial banks which are officially restricted to the short-term sector, while special credit institutes deal with medium and long-term loans. Short-term expositions by savings banks amounted at the end of December to 32.7 per cent of their deposits, compared to 65 per cent for the rest of the banking system.

The savings banks have become highly professional in their activities at home and abroad. Of the 90 in all, 67 have the qualification of *banche agenti*, able to engage in foreign operations. The Cassa di Risparmio delle Provincie Lombarde rates as the biggest savings bank anywhere, and the third biggest bank in Italy.

Looking to the future, savings banks have gone into sectors such as automation (with their Istituto per l'Automazione delle Casse di Risparmio or IPACRI) and leasing (with Centroleasing, Federleasing, and other bodies such as Società Italiana di Leasing with joint West German capital participation). CARFID has been set up for entry into mutual funds when Parliament eventually gets round to authorizing the establishment of domestic funds.

Since the war links have evolved between the savings bank network and the political system. It is common to see Christian Democrats in senior positions. One, incidentally, is a woman, Signora Emanuela Savio, a former member of Parliament, who heads the important Turin *cassa di risparmio*. A recent book on the Christian Democrat Party power structure (*L'Iceberg Democristiano*, by Giuseppe Tamburrano) calculated that the chairmen of 75 savings banks were Christian Democrats.

This is not as surprising to an Italian as it might appear to an outsider. Until the parties passed a law in Parliament to finance themselves last year from public funds, they had to rely on various unpublicized sources, for which the banking system formed a valuable channel with its instruments for unobtrusive transactions, such as bearer savings books.

The parties, in particular the Christian Democrats, have always paid close attention to appointments throughout the banking system. The savings banks, however, have not become involved in the same way as some commercial banks in the financial scandals of the past year.

The initial impulse for savings banks in Italy came from the Austrian Government which in the 1820s encouraged their formation in the provinces of Venetia and Lombardy. The oldest were the savings banks of Padua, Rovigo, Castelfranco, Udine, Monselice and Venice, established in 1822.

They mostly emanated from *monti di pietà*, or pawn office credit institutions. Piedmont obtained a savings bank at Turin in 1829. By 1870, 70 *casse di risparmio* existed in northern and central Italy, though none yet in the south. The south still contains some gaps—Sardinia and Naples are both uncovered.

The foundation in 1912 of ACRI, the savings bank association, brought greater coordination and gave valuable impetus to the movement, which had by then spread to most of the country. A banking reform in 1936, introduced in the wake of the great depression, subjected savings banks to the regulations governing all credit institutions.

A new specimen statute for savings banks approved in 1966 by the Government contained a more complete definition of their activities, divided into three distinct spheres: the collection of savings deposits, the granting of credit, and the partial use of net profits for purposes of charity and public welfare.

Even though the activities of savings banks are in practice comparable to those of commercial banks, they are not identical. For commercial banks, deposits provide the means of pursuing their private interest in business and profits, while for savings banks, whose essential purpose is to encourage thrift, they represent a final aim in the public interest.

Savings banks play an important role in granting financing for agriculture, for house building, to employees in public service against guarantee of a fifth of their salary, to local authorities, for public works projects, and to small and medium-sized businesses.

Among complementary organizations are ACRI, which operates a common guarantee fund (it also issues regular publications including an educational children's magazine *La Via Migliore* or *The Better Life* distributed in 800,000 copies to schools), and the Credit Institute of Italian Savings Banks which helps to increase business through its role of intermediary and financier.

# EEC counts its millions

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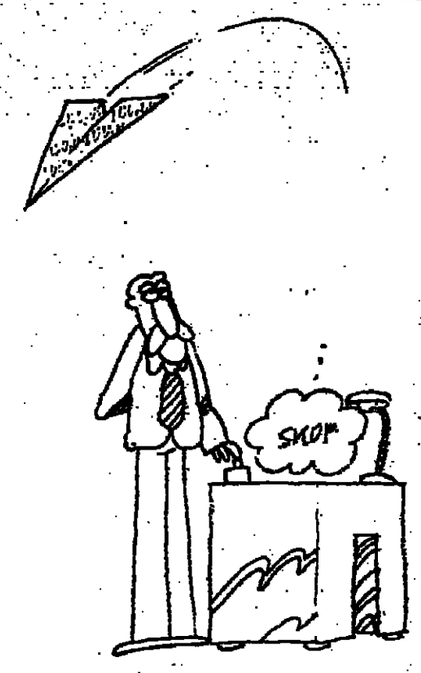
These rules concern the savings banks as institutions, not only as regards their authorization, supervision and taxation, but also their individual business dealings, such as consumer credit, the granting of mortgage loans or transactions in securities.

The point to emphasize is that the savings banks see themselves not only as institutions for collecting deposits and granting loans but as institutions which also have the duty of protecting the interests of 130 million small savers.

Special attention is paid by the savings banks to the harmonization of rules governing the beginning and carrying on of the business of credit institutions. The aim is to see that commercial banks, savings banks, credit cooperatives, building societies and mortgage banks can set up anywhere in the Community and do so under similar conditions.

The EEC Savings Banks Group has prepared an exhaustive study of the law governing the savings banks in all member countries. The harmonization of legislation is not expected to turn all the savings banks in the Community into a single standard type. But efforts will be made to achieve a certain degree of harmonization in the provisions governing their business activities so that savings banks throughout the Community will be able to meet the increasing demand for services.

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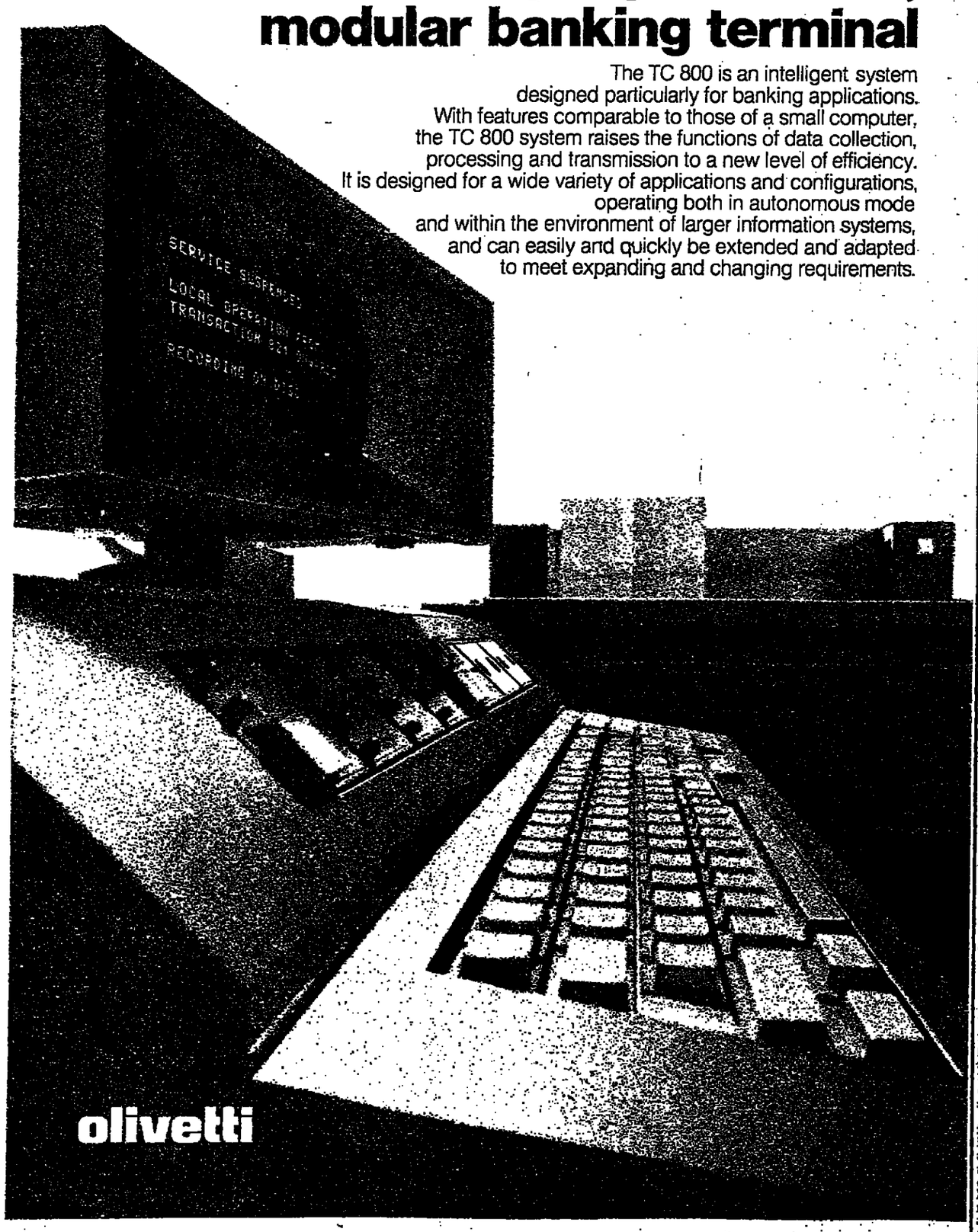
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# Control extended to remote areas

by Joan Pearce

## Colombia

Provision for the establishment of savings banks in Colombia was first made in 1923. Deposits in 1926 amounted to 2m pesos, and in 1935 to 12m pesos. Despite the limitations imposed on savings banks, in terms of the narrow role assigned to them, restriction of the amount that an individual could deposit, and an unfavourable interest-rate structure, deposits grew steadily, and for 1965 amounted to 1,375m pesos. By this date the number of depositors had reached 3,700,000 or 21 per cent of the population.

After 1965 various reforms were introduced, revising interest rates, removing restrictions on the size of deposits, and allowing tax relief, as a result of which deposits rose to 9,720m pesos by March 1975. Of this sum, 4,120m pesos was held by the Caja de Crédito Agrario, 200m pesos by the Caja Social de Ahorros, and the remainder by the savings sections of 21 commercial banks.

The role of the Caja de Crédito Agrario which was founded in 1931 and now incorporates the Caja Colombiana de Ahorros, is that of a development bank. Its full title is the Caja de Crédito Agrario Industrial y Minero, and it aims to finance the agricultural, industrial and mining sectors. Recently, however, its activities have been largely concentrated in agriculture, particularly in providing funds for small-scale farmers who would not normally have access to bank credit, in financing basic service projects and in promoting increased production and productivity.

As a savings institution the Caja de Crédito Agrario fulfils an important function: not only does it account for almost half the savings deposited in Colombia, but some 40 per cent of its deposits are obtained in localities with fewer than 50,000 inhabitants. In this respect it has been instrumental in bringing marginal sectors of the economy into the national financial system, and has enabled the monetary authorities to extend their control to remote parts of the country.

Besides bank deposits, savings are channelled in several forms, including notes, securities and bonds, through a variety of financial institutions, such as finance corporations and building societies. The building societies have played a particularly important role since 1972, when the Government initiated a concerted effort to expand the construction sector.

To generate the necessary finance, investment in building societies was made more attractive by allowing them to apply a form of monetary correction to their assets and liabilities. The monetary correction operates as a daily adjustment to the nominal principal based on the rate of inflation over the previous two years, with an upper limit of 20 per cent. In addition, interest of 5 per cent is paid on deposits, though this, unlike the monetary-correction element, is subject to tax.

The so-called units of constant purchasing power (UPAC) do not provide as much protection against inflation as do some forms of monetary correction, partly because of the 20 per cent limit, and partly because the adjustment is related to a past period rather than to the period over which the deposit is made. Since they are short-term deposits, however, this is not crucial: their chief advantage is that they provide flexible nominal interest rates, which the main alternative financial assets in Colombia do not. For this reason they have become very popular, the amounts outstanding increasing from 188m pesos at the end of 1972 to 4,400m pesos at the end of 1973 and 8,500m pesos in July, 1974.

Loans from these funds carry interest of 8½ per cent and both this and the monetary correction are tax deductible. The application of monetary correction ensures that the real rate of interest on long-term mortgages remains roughly constant. Furthermore, since during the term of the mortgage the nominal repayment increases with the rate of inflation while the real amount is kept constant, building societies are less likely to meet with the liquidity problems often associated with periods of high inflation.

Colombia's experience of monetary correction in the past three years suggests that the economy would benefit from more widespread use of the system. There is evidently scope for an expansion and freeing of the capital market, as well as sizable potential savings that have yet to be drawn upon. Studies indicate that the introduction of the UPAC has tended to increase total saving rather than to divert saving away from other institutions, since it has prompted an increase in some other nominal interest rates.

The anomalies of the interest-rate structure were a prime concern of the government that came to power in August, 1974, which sees the revision of financial mechanisms as an important element in its overall economic policy. A series of measures has been introduced aimed at reducing the dispersion of interest rates, and effective rates now range between 15.3 per cent and 26.2 per cent, compared with 7.9 per cent and 29.4 per cent at the beginning of August, 1974.

So far there has been no move to extend the use of monetary correction, but it is unlikely that it will continue to be applied only by building societies, partly because the Government's economic plan presented to Congress in July proposes to divert activity away from the construction sector, which is thought to have reached saturation point. Though this could imply the abandoning of monetary correction, it is to be hoped that it will lead to a broader application of the system.


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bridge. If Mr Smith really wants a conference, it may be asked, why is he so unyielding? One possibility is that some of his ministers, who are zestfully preparing for all out war, are using the Pretoria agreement to hasten a showdown. But Mr Smith may feel that, as the ANC is so divided, the Bishop may again change his mind and agree to talk in committee without the militants.

Mr Smith's distaste for talking with Mr Sithole is no doubt great, but the anger of his party if he did would be a political risk of the kind he rarely takes. He may calculate that the Nkomo or Zapu faction in the ANC, which largely represents the Matabele people and other minorities, almost certainly does not want a constitution under which early majority rule promptly delivered them to Shona domination. If so, he may think that with Mr Nkomo as the Bishop's main lieutenant he could extract ANC agreement to a gradualist solution—though his latest pronouncements against African rule hardly suggests that he would agree to anything that the most moderate of the Bishop's followers would accept, or that would not be promptly repudiated by the ANC militants in Zambia and the whole black youth of Rhodesia. President Kaunda, however, may think that with Mr Vorster putting extreme pressure on the Rhodesians (no doubt they discussed it), Mr Nkomo and the Bishop could get from Mr Smith a procedure for majority rule which he could endorse and they both could guarantee. This may be one reason why he allowed the obvious snag in the Pretoria agreement to remain.

On such manoeuvres the hopes of continuing negotiations depend. But if the ANC withdraws now, it will have admitted that, notwithstanding Mr Smith's intransigence, and Dr Kaunda's pressure, the Zanu faction dictates its policy. The ANC might be wiser to shore up its unity while exploring Mr Smith's position in committee. For, if this is as atavistic as it sounds (for example, no advance on the Smith-Douglas Home 1971 proposals) the Africans can reject it with much more political effect. It would be plain that moderate men could get nothing out of Mr Smith, Mr Smith would be isolated from Mr Vorster, and President Kaunda would have to back the war party. If the ANC withdraws now, Mr Smith will have it his own way with South African public opinion.

If the ANC goes on, it will have both Mr Vorster and Dr Kaunda as active allies. The President has taken risks in meeting Mr Vorster in defiance of the OAU ban on dialogue. The benefits may be great however. No doubt he discussed Angola, South West Africa, and the Republic's racial policy as well as Rhodesia. For Mr Vorster the meeting is a triumph for his detente policy. There has been face-to-face talking between the major black and white leaders, and whatever now happens to the conference this could influence events for good a long time.

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his Bill, it received almost universal support as an overdue and comprehensive reform of the law concerning adoption and related matters along impeccably liberal lines. However, in the long period of gestation doubts about the balance between parental rights and the welfare of the child struck in the Bill have grown. On the one hand public concern aroused by notorious cases of severe child neglect has encouraged some critics to demand that this balance be tilted still further against natural parents. A recent Justice report on parental rights and duties expressed this point of view with clarity and vigour: "The biological parents, or either of them, should have custody of their children when the child's welfare is so best served; in all cases, however, the child's welfare must remain the first and paramount consideration." On the other hand it is argued that the Bill diminishes too much the rights of parents and that in practice its provisions could be used to discriminate against low-income families. Many experienced social workers take this view. They argue that instead of making it easier to remove children from their natural parents more should be done to enable such fragile families to survive.

This criticism of the Bill is almost certainly too harsh. There has been a considerable effort to enable families at risk to survive, through social services departments and social security payments. If the welfare of the child is to become the primary consideration in these cases some reduction in the rights of natural parents is inevitable. Of course a court should not equate the welfare of the child with its material well-being but instead recognize that often a child may be happier in less affluent but more familiar surroundings. Here the social work profession, with its longstanding commitment to the preservation of families wherever possible, will have an important influence on the operation of the Bill because the courts will rely heavily on their experience.

However the Bill should also be defended against the opposite criticism: that by making the welfare of the child the primary rather than the paramount consideration it is too weak to prevent tragedies like the deaths of Maria Colwell and Steven Meurs. Comprehensive legislation of this nature should not be distorted to satisfy the public outcry raised by such terrible, but fortunately rare, cases. The Bill strikes a fair compromise between the views of those who believe that it has gone too far and of those who believe that it has not gone far enough. The balance of the Bill corresponds closely to the balance of public opinion which continues to accord the natural family a very special status but recognizes that in a minority of cases the best interests of the child are served by his permanent withdrawal from his family.

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n and the high interest charges that entails. Reorganization into the new river-basin-based authorities gave a further lift to charges by bringing to an end rate fund contributions to the cost of water supply, which were common in Wales.

The Daniel committee concludes that the 1973 Act has produced an excessive difference in average charges for water between the Welsh authority and other authorities, and that early action should be taken to reduce it. One way of achieving that result, and one which has a certain nationalist appeal, is to regard rain which falls and collects in Wales as a national export resource, and to charge Birmingham and other importers a surcharge sufficient to even things out. The committee does not endorse that approach—not least because Birmingham and others have paid or are paying the full cost of installations in Wales from which they get supplies: these have been taken from them without compensation, and they would not take kindly to the idea of now paying a levy as well. The committee looks more kindly however on a diluted version of the same idea. Water authorities are permitted to charge for transfers of water from one area to another. Official advice at present is that the charge should be set at cost price. The committee suggests, with Wales in mind but for general application, that the price should be one that is agreed "through the normal processes of commercial negotiation", that is more than cost price.

Even that moderate form of the idea would introduce an unnecessary complication into the financing of water supply. Increasingly, water supplies are taken not direct from reservoirs but from regulated river flows Does the water in the Severn cease to be Welsh ten miles downstream from Welshpool, or does it remain Welsh while becoming progressively adulterated by English tributaries? Any formula for pricing abstractions higher than the cost of the work would be vulnerably artificial. Also, while the flow of these rivers are one way, the flow of the natural benefits they bring is both ways. They water England while draining Wales. The English counties would seem to have as much reason to charge the Welsh for drainage, for without it the Welsh would be flooded or put to the expense of digging drains through their mountains to the sea.

If greater equalization of water charges between parts of the kingdom is considered desirable (and the more consistent devolutionists would be bound to question that) let it be done openly and accountably by public subsidy.

## cted Cabinet

*r Ian Harvey*

Donald McGregor's proposi-
ich now appears to have
in other quarters, that the
should be elected is a recipe
ntial confusion and ensuing

Good government depends
se and determined leader-
ch is qualified to carry out
policies based on accepted
s. To this must be added effective administration and constant communication with the community.

It is right that political leaders should be elected by their colleagues in Parliament who are themselves selected by their respective parties and elected by the people. But that should imply that they have confidence in them to choose those best fitted to be ministers: that is an essential quality of leadership. Nor does it rule out consultation in the process which no sensible leader would reject.

For a political leader, especially when Prime Minister, to be foisted with a team of colleagues is both an insult to his or her ability and a negation of the principle of leadership. No government produced by such a process could hope to govern or to survive for long.

Yours faithfully,
IAN HARVEY,
28A Star Street, W2.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Cigarette smoking and lung cancer

*From Professor P. R. J. Burch*

Sir, Professor Stoker suggests (August 21, 1975) that cigarette smoke might cause lung cancer by inducing gene mutations. The same proposal was put forward by Dr J. N. Mehrishi in the *Lancet* of March 24, 1973, and shown by me (*Lancet*, April 29, 1973) to be inconsistent with a wide range of epidemiological evidence. For example, the theory of induced mutations predicts an earlier average age of onset of lung cancer in smokers than in non-smokers. The late Professor Passey, and subsequently others, found no significant differences in the average age of onset between smokers and non-smokers.

Drs Fletcher and Ball correctly assert that medical and scientific committees of many countries have been convinced that cigarette smoking is the most important cause of lung cancer—though not, presumably, in non-smokers. A similar confidence and unanimity have previously been manifested regarding the flatness of the earth and the therapeutic efficacy of leeches and blood-letting.

I cannot but take offence when they accuse me of ignoring evidence that contradicts my conclusions. Neither in their letter to you, nor in the medical press, have they specified the nature of these contradictions. I have carefully considered the widest range of evidence—far wider than that discussed by the 1971 Report of the Royal College of Physicians—and have demonstrated in the *Lancet* and elsewhere that it conflicts with all recognized versions of the hypothesis that smoking is the main cause of lung cancer.

On the other hand, I know of no reliable evidence that conflicts with the late Sir Ronald Fisher's constitutional hypothesis. Drs Fletcher and Ball have had frequent opportunities of disputing my arguments —many of them quantitative—in the medical press, but they have shown a singular lack of appetite for the challenge.

They make their customary charges of irresponsibility and do not refer to my indictment of smoking in connexion with prolonged cough and morbidity from chronic bronchitis. Has it ever occurred to them that they and other crusaders carry a heavy responsibility for the feelings of guilt and anxiety experienced by many addicted smokers? Do they not realize that the issues in dispute are ultimately matters of fact that will be unravelled, not by faith and moral exhortation, but by the rigorous application of the methods of science?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP R. J. BURCH,
Department of Medical Physics,
University of Leeds,
The General Infirmary,
Leeds.

*From Professor Herbert Dingle*

Sir, In a recent letter (August 21) Dr C. M. Fletcher and Dr K. Ball state: "It is important that [your readers] should recognize that [Dr Burch] stands almost alone in believing that cigarette smoking is not the most important cause of lung cancer." I am totally unqualified to express an opinion on the causes of lung cancer, and I offer none, but may I plead (with little success, I fear, as experience has taught me) for a return to the once honoured principle that decisions in science should be reached solely on the basis of the relevant available evidence and not by voting, and suggest that such a return would be far more important than that your readers should know the result of the poll on this or any other such question?

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT DINGLE,
Professor Emeritus, History and Philosophy of Science,
University of London,
104 Downs Court Road,
Purley,
Surrey.

## A government newspaper

*From Mr Thomas Dalby*

Sir, At least one taxpayer groaned upon reading Lord Bruce of Donington's suggestion (August 23) that a British Press Corporation should be established. "Spend your way out of inflation" seems to be a common political theme nowadays and the disturbing fact about this particular idea is that Lord Bruce does not add the proviso that a market research survey should first be initiated to discover whether people would buy the new paper in sufficient quantities to make it viable.

Lord Bruce complains that there is no possibility open to a Labour Government for an unbiased presentation of its thinking. Perhaps you, Sir, could add up the column inches in *The Times* given (a) to Labour and trade union affairs and personalities, and (b) to other political parties and, especially, industrial management views over, say, the past three months, in your general editorial pages.

It may be found that industrial management, presumably responsible for exports within our free enterprise system, is, on the whole, quietly tacked away in your Business News pages whilst more exciting news from the unions makes the headlines on the main editorial pages. Maybe other national newspapers could carry out similiar studies: they would at least provide the basis for more informed discussion before we are burdened with a British Press Corporation, a very expensive Director-General and a staff of thousands.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS DALBY,
5 Anstie Grange,
South Holmwood,
Dorking, Surrey.

## Commons crockery

*From Mr David Northcroft*

Sir, What justification can there be for the House of Commons catering sub-committee to be spending £12,000 on crockery at this time, let alone imported crockery.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NORTHCROFT,
Bexon Farmhouse,
Sittingbourne,
Kent.

## Anomaly in index-linked pensions

*From Sir Alastair Pilkington, FRS*

Sir, In your letter columns last year (April 2, 1974) I drew attention to the potential inequity between public and private sector pensions. I write again now as the potential inequity has become actual. It is time that the fundamental problem of the increasing unfairness between two sectors of our society was squarely faced.

Pensioners in the public sector with indexed pensions have received increases reflecting the rate of inflation which is now running at about 25 per cent. But, from the information I have been able to collect, it would appear that the private sector, with few exceptions, has been unable to match the public sector and that most private sector companies have been unable to increase pensions by more than 5 per cent. It would, indeed, have been impossible for them to do much more without endangering their own future and that of their pension schemes.

This means that a pensioner leaving the public sector a year ago with a pension of, say, £2,500, might now be receiving £3,125, while the private sector pensioner who left at the same time with the same amount might be getting £2,625. The differential will, of course, be increased or decreased by changes in the rate of inflation. The present pattern, however, needs to continue for only four years for the purchasing power of the latter's pension to become only half that of the former's, and for his standard of living to drop dramatically.

Different financing principles apply in each sector. While it is possible to pay public sector pensions out of current account—on the assumption that the nation will not go bankrupt—most private sector companies set aside the capital required to meet their pension liabilities so that pensions are not vulnerable to the risks which face the companies. This "funding" means that even if a company goes out of business, pensions are assured. It is, however, impossible for companies to fund indexed pensions at anything like recent inflation levels. A figure of £350,000 million has been quoted as the cost of funding public sector pensions. For a private sector company it could cost much more than its total assets.

While there is a clear case for trying to protect the living standards of pensioners, a situation in which this protection can be assured for the public sector regardless of the state of the economy but cannot be assured for the private sector is neither fair nor tolerable.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR PILKINGTON,
Chairman,
Pilkington Brothers Limited,
Prescot Road, St Helens,
Lancashire.

## Effect of £6 increase on the lower paid

*From Mr P. H. Parker*

Sir, For his television appearance last Wednesday the Prime Minister forgot only his magician's hat. Inflation, he told us, will be reduced to 10 per cent in little more than a year provided we all stick to his £6 norm.

Of course it is not credible. Never has inflation been cured by wage or price controls alone. The strategy as it stands is incomplete. But it is also tactically feeble, because it relies crucially on support from the public — not all of whom can be fooled all of the time.

First the strategy. It is one of suppressed inflation not counter-inflation. The rate of price increases may well abate for just so long as the controls remain in force. But unless immediate action is taken to reduce government expenditure and taxation and to transfer resources from the public sector into industry and commerce, inflationary pressures will re-assert themselves as soon as the controls are lifted.

Mr Wilson's problems of "re-entry" would not exist if price and wage controls exercised any real impact upon inflation. So long as there is a borrowing requirement of over £10,000m—more than 10 per cent of gross domestic product—and so long as public expenditure continues to increase at its present rate —56 per cent higher in July, 1975, than July, 1974—there is not the remotest possibility of controlling inflation.

Secondly the tactics. Mr Wilson called for support on the basis that justice will be done. But the £6 norm is grossly unjust to all families with less than average earnings. The facts of this situation have been disclosed in parliamentary answers by the Department of Health and Social Security, and were reported in these columns on August 19 by the Member of Parliament for North Norfolk, Mr Ralph Howell. These are facts which the Establishment prefers to disregard and of which the public is largely unaware.

As a result of the lowering of tax thresholds over the years and the proliferation of separately means-tested benefits, each year hundreds of millions of pounds is being collected in taxation and then returned —often to the same family—in the form of selective benefits. The cost in terms of administration runs into many millions of pounds. In terms of demoralization for the families concerned, and of reduced productivity due to reduced incentive it is immeasurable.

After tax, increased National Insurance contribution and loss of benefits, most families who stick within the £6 norm will be lucky if they see half of it. Many will quickly find themselves with less ner weekly spending power than before—and that before taking into account the ravages of inflation. Once these facts are appreciated by the individuals concerned support for the policy—now widespread—will wither away.

This will not be due to bloody-mindedness nor to "reds under the beds". Naturally it is a state of affairs which plays into the hands of the militant left, for whom genuine grievance is the lifeblood of survival, and who will not hesitate to capitalize on the greater opportunities for trouble-making thus provided. But essentially it will be the natural reaction of frustrated working people, who find themselves caught in a trap not of their own making, from which there is no escape within the law.

How many of your readers, I wonder, would be happy to accept a situation where £10 of extra earnings left them with 50p less spending power? Yet this is the situation for families with four children working in this country today whose weekly earnings are increased from £30 to £40. These are official figures based on rent at £6.00 and rates at £2.00.

Mr Wilson's policy is a cruel deception, from start to finish.

Yours faithfully,
P. H. PARKER,
Nettlefield, Pirbright,
Woking, Surrey.

## Research for MPs

*From Professor Alan Thompson*

Sir, Professor Rivett (letter, August 25) suggests that MPs should make more use of university research facilities in their investigative duties. This is an excellent idea which should be followed up as soon as possible, perhaps through the medium of the Hansard Society.

At present, government departments draw upon university research in a very fruitful manner, and parliamentary select committees also enable back-bench MPs to question university experts. In recent years the calibre of select committees has increased enormously and the publications of these committees deserve a much wider readership among scholars in many disciplines. A number of these committees (particularly in science and technology) have made valuable recommendations about the purpose and direction of applied research.

There is, nevertheless, need for a more systematic liaison between MPs and researchers, perhaps starting with an exchange of information on the needs of MPs and a register of potentially relevant research.

As a long-term objective, I would like to see a Select Committee unit of the Civil Service similar to the back-up which the Comptroller-and-Auditor General receives, consisting of an under-secretary and staff responsible for select committee work. Such a unit would be well-placed for liaison with universities and other institutions.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
A. J. Balfour Chair of Economics of Government,
Heriot-Watt University,
Department of Economics,
31-35 Grassmarket,
Edinburgh.
August 25.

## Frank Thompson

*From Miss Iris Murdoch*

Sir, Your review of Stowers Johnson's book about *Frank Thompson* presents a picture of a grim and fanatical megalomaniac, trying to be "Lawrence of Bulgaria". The book is of course not a biography and the reviewer may be forgiven for having gained this impression of the man.

Those of us who knew and loved Frank at Oxford have different memories. He was a poet, a person of exceptional charm and sweetness, always full of jokes and fun, a lover of art and of nature, a scholar, a man of the highest principles, delicate, scrupulous and tender.

When he was forced to become a soldier he became a very good one and obedience to his duty led him to a heroic role. But he was never the victim of dreams of violence or illusions of grandeur. Those who knew him will never cease to mourn the loss of this brilliant, brave and good man.

Yours faithfully,
IRIS MURDOCH,
Steeple Aston,
Oxford.

## Exposure to plutonium

*From Dr R. H. Mole*

Sir, Twice recently Nature-Times News Service has taken special note of work published from this laboratory. On each occasion the experimental facts reported were accurate, but the gloss was misleading. On May 9, it was said that the "safe" level for exposure to plutonium may have to be revised because plutonium in the testis may be more than twice as dangerous as might have been expected.

On August 15 research was said to indicate that the ability of plutonium to cause mutations may be a more serious health hazard than its ability to cause cancer.

Table 2 of the Medical Research Council's Report on *The Toxicity of Plutonium* (HMSO 1975, February) shows quite clearly that an increase of two-three fold in the risk to the testis would have no appreciable effect on basic safety standards and that these would continue to be determined by the cancer risk. There is nothing in our recently published experimental work on plutonium to justify the statement that "damage to chromosomes could in fact be considerably greater (my italics) than was believed".

Yours truly,
R. H. MOLE,
Director,
Medical Research Council Radiobiology Unit,
Harwell,
Oxfordshire.

## Minority decisions

*From Mrs Marion McGregor*

Sir, The Prime Minister has asked us not to let minorities take decisions for us in our absence.

My problem is with the minority which has been taking decisions in the country since February, 1974.

Yours sincerely,
MARION McGREGOR,
Dacres,
Troutstream Way,
Loudwater,
Hertfordshire.

## Public investment in marine research

*From Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving*

Sir, On several occasions during the past two years, I have stressed the need in your columns for greater public investment in marine research generally and for substantially enhanced resources for the Navy's hydrographic service in particular. Considerable support has been expressed for this view in subsequent letters to you, Sir, from members of Parliament, from scientists, from ex-Governors and High Commissioners of our overseas territories and from the presidents or directors of such august bodies as the Nautical Institute, the Royal Institute of Navigation, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Royal Geographical Society.

I have now read the official report of the Hydrographic Study Group, set up by the Government last summer to inquire into the shortfall of resources to which the Hydrographer of the Navy has repeatedly drawn attention in his annual reports.

The study group has presented a first class and comprehensive report which fully confirms the urgency of the need for an enhanced hydrographic effort both at home and in our traditional areas of employment abroad.

Among the 14 recommendations, several of which fundamentally affect the future of the hydrographic service, are those advocating a substantial expansion in the survey fleet and the office at Taunton which "should be augmented to enable the standard of the Admiralty Chart series to be improved."

We are constantly being reminded that the country is in serious financial straits, yet we continue to squander astronomical sums on dubious "amenities" or extravagant projects which never reach finality.

I suggest, Sir, that our economic position will hardly be improved until we look to more profitable means of spending our dwindling wealth and start investing a relatively small proportion in areas from which the nation can look for a more tangible return.

The investment is a mere £7m. for the next seven years; such an area is the sea, upon which our prosperity depends and will continue to depend—a point on which the study group lays just emphasis.

Though the report is apparently not to be given any publicity, I submit that this is a matter of such major importance that the Government must be stimulated into taking positive and immediate action to implement all its recommendations.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. G. IRVING,
Camer Green,
Meopham, Kent.
August 24.

## Community Land Bill

*From Mr John Waite*

Sir, Mr Ewart Parkinson's letter, which appeared in your issue of August 16, expressed his faith in the Community Land Bill and, as President of the Royal Town Planning Institute, his views must carry weight. However, having had the pleasure of working in local government with many of his members, I wonder if his views are representative of the institute as a whole.

It is not for me to question Mr Parkinson's professional assessment of what the Bill might achieve but, in claiming that the local community will decide when an area of land will be developed or redeveloped by bringing it on to the market, he is saying something which is, obviously, not true. A local authority may offer land for development, but market forces will decide whether the offer is accepted. If the offer is refused there will not be any financial or other benefit to the community, but the costs of administration and servicing the land still have to be borne by the community.

Mr Parkinson's belief that the Bill's proposals are rooted in local democracy and represent a decentralization of power seems impossible of acceptance. One would have to be incredibly naive not to think that the real power to allocate funds for land purchase and to approve land acquisition would not remain in Whitehall. The reserve powers for the Secretary of State in Clause 50 of the Bill must surely be more than a formality. One may also ask how the provisions of Clause 43 (which requires local authorities to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State before disposing of any land whether acquired under the Bill or otherwise) may be regarded as rooted in local democracy and representing a decentralization of power.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WAITE,
Kent County Council,
Chairman's Room,
County Hall,
Maidstone.
August 22.

## No play at Headingley

*From Mr Dennis A. Brunning*

Sir, I am amazed that apparently there are Englishmen who equate cricket with mere entertainment and can write of it in such terms as—"The show must go on". Sir, cricket is not a circus, neither is it a matter of just belting a ball about a field.

The game and its results depends not only on the skill of the batsmen, the art of the bowlers and the sure-handedness of the fieldsmen but also on the nuances of a particular wicker and on the vagaries of a particular day's weather.

It is quite unthinkable that a match so finely poised as was the Headingley Test, should be continued on another wicket, much less another ground.

So far as the vandals are concerned my immediate thought was that they should be boiled in the oil they had so unwisely provided.

Yours, etc,
DENNIS A. BRUNNING,
270 Albert Drive,
Sheerwater,
Woking,
Surrey.
August 21.

# SOCIAL NEWS

The Duke of Gloucester will receive the Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order at St John's Gate on October 9.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will dine at the Merchant Taylors' Hall and meet the Grand Master of the Order of Malta on October 14.

The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will open the Motor Show at Earls Court on October 15.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the annual meeting of the National Women's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association at 35 Craven Terrace, Lancaster Gate, on October 22.

## Birthdays today

Sir Donald Bradman, 67; Sir Stewart Crawford, 62; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Gretton, 63; Sir Alexander Johnston, 70; Angela Countess of Limerick, 75; Sir John Lomax, 79; Sir Jocelyn Lucas, 66; Mr C. H. W. Troughton, 59.

## Marriages

**Mr M. J. Proudlock and Mlle C. Y. J. Buchet**

The marriage took place at Lavergne, France, on August 19 between Mr Michael Proudlock and Mlle Corinne Buchet. Pasteur Jean Claude Fermand officiated. The bride was attended by Mme Christine Terramorsi. Viscount Bridport was best man.

**Group Captain J. E. Reynolds and Mrs K. Fell**

The marriage took place on Tuesday, August 26, at Petersfield, of Group Captain James E. Reynolds, RAF (Retd), of Bidborough, Kent, and Mrs Kathleen Fell, widow of J. R. M. Fell.

**Mr S. P. Sherrard and Miss S. A. Stancliffe**

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 23, at the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Stanwix Carlisle, between Mr Simon Sherrard, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Sherrard, of Campden Hill Gate, London, W8, and Miss Sara Stancliffe, younger daughter of Major Peter Stancliffe, and the late Mrs Stancliffe, of Beech House, Rickerby, Carlisle. The Rev Nicolas Stacey officiated.

The bride wore a gown of ivory silk and a family veil of Brussels lace. She was attended by Miss Julia Pattinson and Miss Caroline Lewis. Mr John Consett was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in the Seychelles, before returning to Singapore.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr R. Waddington and Miss J. A. Jenkinson**

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mrs M. G. Waddington, of Windermere, and the late Mr G. Waddington, and Jennifer Ann, elder daughter of Sir Anthony Jenkinson, Bt, and Lady Jenkinson, of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

**Captain C. Fletcher-Wood, RA and Miss C. J. R. Ashe**

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of the late Major H. Fletcher-Wood, of Berkshire, and of Mrs E. Fletcher-Wood, of Bournemouth, and Charlotte, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel, and Mrs R. A. d'E Ashe, of Newtownmountkennedy.

**Mr R. J. Groundes-Peace and Miss M. A. Mahoney**

The engagement is announced between Roderick, son of Dr J. V. Groundes-Peace, MBE, and the late Mrs J. V. Groundes-Peace, of Filkins, Oxfordshire, and Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. J. Mahoney, of Avalon Avenue, Adelaide, Australia.

**Mr W. J. S. Hodgson and Miss A. C. V. S. Todd**

The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. G. S. Hodgson, of Leerings, Warnham, Sussex, and Clare, youngest daughter of the late Mr Oliver Stuart Todd and of Mrs Benedict Eyre, of West Burton House, Bury, Sussex.

**Mr A. E. O. Irish and Miss R. H. Ogle**

The marriage will take place on Saturday, August 30, at St Mary's Church, Storrington, Sussex, between Andrew Eugene Owen, only son of Squadron Leader E. O. Irish, DFC, RAF (Retd), and Mrs Irish, of Llandaff, Cardiff, and Rosemary Helen, twin daughter of Lieutenant-Commander J. C. Ogle, DSC, RN (Rtd), and Mrs Ogle, of West Chiltington, Sussex.

**Mr J. C. Rice and Miss C. E. Champion**

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Christopher Rice, MA, only son of Mr E. F. Rice, JP, and Mrs Rice, of Wingerworth, Derbyshire, and Catherine Ellen (Katy), only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Champion, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

**Mr R. C. Williams and Miss D. Z. Temple**

The engagement is announced between Mr Robert Coleman Williams, of Llanstephan, Carmarthen, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. G. E. Williams, of Bridgend, Glamorgan, and Miss Diana Zillah Temple, eldest daughter of Major W. V. Temple, MC, RE (retd), and Mrs Temple, of Bollington Grange, Nether Alderley, Cheshire.

## Church news

Latest appointments include:

The Rev M. F. Collier, curate at St Paul's, Hampstead, diocese of Birmingham, to be priest-in-charge of Castleton, diocese of Derby.

Canon J. C. Houghton to be Rector of Halton with Aughton, diocese of Blackburn

**Diocese of Newcastle**

The Rev D. A. Godsell, curate of Stainton-in-Cleveland, diocese of York, to be vicar of St Anthony's, Ryker.

The Rev D. Moore, Rector of Mundford, Thetford, diocese of Norwich, to be vicar of Whitley Chapel, Hexham.

**Resignations and retirements**

The Rev H. H. Cawthorne, Rector of Kinstock, diocese of Lichfield, on August 31.

The Rev H. L. O. Davies, Rector of Bourton-on-the-Hill, diocese of Gloucester, on September 30.

The Rev C. Elsey, Vicar of Cockshutt with Petton, diocese of Lichfield, on October 11.

The Rev F. C. Fletcher, Vicar of Wootton-on-Tern, diocese of Lichfield, on August 11.

The Rev J. Greenwood-Parkinson, Vicar of Onecote-with-Bradnop, diocese of Lichfield, on September 4.

The Rev G. F. Greamp, Vicar of Sandon, diocese of Lichfield, on October 1.

The Rev N. D. Humphreys, Rector of Knockin with Maesbrook, diocese of Lichfield, on October 1.

The Rev F. A. Marchant, Rector of Dinnaton with Oldbury-on-the-Hill and Sedworth, diocese of Gloucester, on October 1.

## Today's engagements

Exhibition: German occupation of Channel Islands, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.30.

Exhibition: Andrea Palladio 1508-1580, Italian architect's life and works, Hayward Gallery, South Bank, 10-8.

Display of wedding dresses, illustrating development of white wedding dress over 200 years, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 10-6.

Organ recital, Malcolm Rudland, Westminster Cathedral, 8.

Morris dancing by Wheatsheaf Morris Men, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster Abbey, 8.

## Latest appointments

Mr Willie Morris, aged 55, British Ambassador in Addis Ababa, is to succeed Sir Philip Adams as Ambassador in Cairo in November. Sir Philip is retiring.

Mr J. C. Moberly, aged 50, Director of the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies at Shemlan, Lebanon, is to become Ambassador to Jordan in succession to Mr H. G. Balfour Paul, who is taking up another diplomatic post.

## Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Sellick, Mr Alan Edwin, of Burwash .. .. .. £126,774

Ensor, Mr Reginald Paul, of Nuneaton (duty paid, £928) £124,500

Chambers, Mr Arthur Stanley, of Colchester .. .. £123,457

Latham, Mr Gustavus Henry, of Newport, Gwent, company chairman .. .. .. £85,534

## University news

**Glasgow**

Mr A. Spence, a short-story writer, has been appointed fellow in creative writing in succession to Mr W. P. Turner.

## Correction

Professor Sir Norman Anderson will retire as Director of the Institue of Advanced Legal Studies, London University, on September 30 next year. He will be succeeded by Professor A. L. Diamond, at present a Law Commissioner.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new town centre development at Woking on October 14.

## Luncheon

**Sirdar A. Aziz**

Sirdar Aly Aziz, Chairman of Dashwood Finance Company Ltd, gave a luncheon yesterday at the Dorchester hotel, in honour of Brigadier-General Javier Tantalean Vanini, Minister of Fisheries of the Republic of Peru, who was his guest at a private launching ceremony of a tuna fishing vessel. The other guests included: Señor Don Ademar Montagne, the Peruvian Ambassador, Major-General Manuel Valencia Marroquin, Rear-Admiral Daniel Masias Abadia, Mr Branko Zunjic, vice-president of Peruana de Pesca SA, Peru, Captain Amanzo, of Peru, Mr Kenneth Cottrill, under-secretary, ECGD, Sir Lester Suffield, Ministry of Defence, Mr Hugh Carless, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr M. J. Treble, assistant secretary, DTI, Mr Alan Urwick, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Donald Dick, BOTB, Mr Arthur Savage, BOTB, and Mr G. L. Walkden, Midland Bank Ltd.

## 25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, August 26, 1950

### Japanese abroad

From Our Own Correspondent

Tokyo, Aug. 25.—The Japanese Ministry for Trade and Industry announced today that authority had been granted in principle by General MacArthur's headquarters for Japanese firms to establish branches or agencies overseas.

It is expected that commercial houses engaged in the import and export trade, banks, shipping and insurance companies and newspapers, will avail themselves of the concession. The approval of the Governments of the countries concerned will be necessary.

Readers who wish to see the full version of this or other reports in the series are reminded that microfilm copies of *The Times* are available in many public libraries in Britain and abroad.



The Pope pausing in St Peter's Square to bless some of the 120 St John Ambulance volunteers from Britain who are manning the first aid post on the square for part of Holy Year.

# Warning on education 'crisis point' by UN

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Geneva, Aug 26

The education system in many countries will reach "crisis point" within 10 years unless teachers drop their traditional roles and "hierarchic structure" according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

In a paper prepared for its thirty-fifth international conference on education which opens tomorrow in Geneva, the organization's teacher training division says that the profession is not adapting fast enough to industrial and social changes.

It calls for new laws to allow "progressive" changes in teacher training and to encourage schools to form teams of teachers. These teams would have auxiliaries to help with administrative and secretarial work, as well as including teachers from all specialities of subject. It calls for better pay and status to prevent promising recruits from drifting away from the schools to more attractive jobs.

It says: "Existing educational systems are structured like a craft enterprise in which a more or less highly qualified labour force is regulated within a rigid hierarchy and is differentiated by specialization of subject and not by the nature of the pedagogical task. The school thus consists of a horizontal series of closed units, independent of each other".

It says that although the importance of in-service or continued training for teachers is recognized everywhere, very few countries are in a position to operate it effectively.

The role and status of the teacher in a changing world will be one of the main themes to be debated by nearly 400 delegates from 80 countries.

Statistics prepared for the conference show that there would have to be a 200 per cent increase in the number of teachers in Africa if all children were to go to primary school by 1985. The figures for Asia and Latin America are 147 per cent and 92 per cent respectively.

# Edinburgh's head criticized for opera lottery plan

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh has been sharply criticized by the Free Church of Scotland over his plan to finance the city's £25m opera house by an Irish Sweepstake lottery.

In a letter of protest to Mr John Millar, the lord provost, the Rev Fergus MacDonald, convener of the Free Kirk's public questions, religion and morals committee, said that "even modest indulgence" in gambling tended to promote the "something for nothing" philosophy which had helped to reduce our national economy to its present state.

"It seems incredible that at a time of severe inflation, when self-discipline and hard work are more than ever essential to the country's economic survival, you should advocate a fund-raising system which is calculated to undermine these very virtues. Surely the role of government, both local and national, should be to develop the strength of individual citizens, and not to exploit their weaknesses by promoting selfishness and greed.

Theatre reprieve: A reprieve looks likely for Edinburgh's experimental theatre, the Traverse, due to close down after the end of the festival because of lack of funds. Lothian Regional Council's recreation and leisure committee decided yesterday to give the theatre a grant of £7,500 to help to overcome the cash crisis.

A further grant of about £40,000 has been pledged by the Scottish Arts Council for the coming year, and tomorrow Edinburgh District Council will consider a request for a grant of £7,500 from the theatre, which has an estimated deficit of £21,000, and issued dismissal notices to its actors 10 days ago.

Councillor William Taylor, a member of the Traverse board, said he thought that council representatives would be welcomed on the board. That had been agreed at its last meeting. Mr Taylor said that about £9,000 was expected from members' subscriptions. In future, the theatre was likely to cease being a private club and to become a public company.

He said that the award of £7,500, in addition to the Scottish Arts Council's contribution, and an expected donation from the district council, would mean that the dismissal notices could be withdrawn.

# Pair in twenties victorious in bridge contest

By Our Bridge Correspondent

Two Yorkshiremen in their twenties won the *Evening Standard* salver for the pair championships at the charity bridge congress played in London at the weekend. Roman Smolski, a computer programmer, and Anthony Forrester, a Wakefield accountant, came from third place at the half-way stage of the final to overtake the overnight leaders, a young pair from Cambridge University, R. J. Granville and G. I. Kirby.

Results:

Pairs championship: 1, R. Smolski and A. Forrester; 2, R. J. Granville, G. I. Kirby; 3, Dr A. P. Sowter, A. Sombor. Non-expert class: 1, R. E. Mott, A. Mayo; 2, C. Lewis, P. Baker. Marguerite Christel Chamnagne pairs: 1, Miss J. Forte, M. Hoffman; 2, R. Stuart, J. Livesey; 3, I. P. Tobias, J. Haroun. Non-expert class: 1, Mr and Mrs M. Saiedo; 2, A. K. Pokora, K. Syed. Mayd Sharry pairs: 1, Mr and Mrs P. D. Austwick; 2, Mrs A. P. Sowter, Mrs P. Bloomer; 3, J. Weston, P. Thornton. Non-expert class: 1, G. Hoare, Lady Vallett; 2, D. Muller, G. Hiller.

# Bupa considers taking over Malta hospital

By Our Medical Reporter

Subscribers to Bupa, the largest private medical insurance group, are being asked whether they would go to a hospital in Malta for treatment.

The group is considering taking over a hospital on the island as part of its plans as NHS pay beds are phased out. If the response to a questionnaire to be completed by mid-September is favourable, Bupa will adopt the plan. It has experience of operating in Malta, with a scheme covering local and British residents there begun four years ago.

Patients from Britain, its estimated, could be treated by British doctors and at an overall cost less than the cost of an equivalent hospital bed in this country.

If there is a demand, a package deal is possible, providing air travel, hospital accommodation and a hotel for relatives with an extension for convalescence, for which the island's climate is ideal.



Bicycle for bravery: Bridget Reeves, aged nine, of Morden, Surrey, with a bicycle presented to her yesterday by Det Chief Inspector Stanley Moorshead (left). It was a reward for a statement she made to the police that led to the conviction of two burglars who broke into a neighbour's home.

# Magnetism's basis believed to be found

New York, Aug 26.—A particle representing the basic unit of magnetism, whose existence has been suspected for most of the past century but had eluded detection stubbornly, is now believed to have been observed.

The particle would bear the same relationship to magnetism as the electron does to electricity. From a theoretical viewpoint, its discovery would be historic.

The particle is believed to have left its track on layers of plastic and emulsion hung from a balloon over Iowa almost two years ago in a hunt for evidence of superheavy elements in cosmic rays.

Only now has microscopic study of particle tracks through the layers indicated passage of the magnetic particle, called a magnetic monopole.

In a joint announcement, the American Institute of Physics and the University of California at Berkeley have said that the finding, if confirmed by further experiments, could rank as one of the major scientific events of the century.

If the particle could be captured and controlled, some of its practical uses in medicine and industry could be revolutionary.

The announcement speaks of such practical applications as new medical therapies in the fight against diseases such as cancer; new sources of energy; small and efficient motors and generators; and new particle accelerators of much higher energy than any yet built.

Just as the electric charge on an electron or proton represents the basic indivisible unit of electricity, so the magnetic particles would carry the basic unit of magnetism.

They would occur in two forms of opposite polarity: North Pole magnetism and South Pole magnetism, analogous to the positive and negative charges of the proton and electron.

Unlike the magnetism generated by a flow of electrons, which generates a two-pole magnetic field, the magnetic particle would have a single polarity. That is why the particles are called monopoles.

As a counterpart of the magnetic field generated by an electric current (the flow of electrons), a flow of monopoles would produce an electric field. It was because monopoles would lead to such symmetry in electrical and magnetic phenomena that theorists long suspected their existence.—New York Times News Service.

# Record entry for 1976 yacht race to America

The number of entries for next year's Royal Western/*Observer* Singlehanded Transatlantic yacht race will be more than double the record figure of 1972, when 55 solo sailors set out for Newport, Rhode Island.

The Royal Western Yacht Club has already had more than 120 entries and promised entries for the event.

The club, which organizes the event, originally decided to close the entry at about a hundred, but after protests from yachtsmen the list will now remain open until the end of the year.

When the race was first held in 1960 there were only five starters; the winner was the late Sir Francis Chichester, who took 40 days.

## Archaeology report

# Repton: Saxon glass workshop

Some of the earliest coloured window glass in Britain, more than 1,200 years old, has been discovered in excavations at Repton church, Derbyshire, the site of an early Saxon monastery and later the mausoleum of the kings of Mercia. The glass seems to have been recycled from broken Roman glass vessels, and was made in at least three colours.

The excavations are part of a combined archaeological and architectural study of the Saxon church of St Wystan, who was buried there in AD 850. The object is to examine the history of settlement of the site and the standing fabric of the church. The architectural study is being directed by Dr H. M. Taylor and the excavations by Mr Martin Biddle and Mrs Birthe Kjolbye-Biddle, with the aid of a grant from the Society of Antiquaries of London and the cooperation of the church authorities and Repton School, in whose grounds the excavations lie.

In the first season of excavation in 1974 (reported in *The Times* of August 30, 1974) burials in iron-bound coffins were found and interpreted as those of Mercian nobility of the ninth century AD. This year an earlier cemetery was found at a lower level, underlying the construction levels for the famous Saxon crypt, which Dr Taylor dates to the mid-eighth century. The three graves so far uncovered contain inhumation burials with the head to the west, and lack grave goods; those features are compatible with Christian burial, and may be the first archaeological evidence of the seventh-century monastery at which the Abbess Aelfthrith instructed St Guthlac, according to documentary sources.

Above the burials were rough pebble floors, the residues of iron working, and quantities of animal bone. Forty-five glass fragments were found, of which 30 were pieces of glass vessels and the rest window glass. The vessels are, where recognizable, Roman, and the lack of other Roman occupation on the site suggests that the glass had been collected for recycling and was being melted down to make coloured window glass or enamel, at a date somewhere in the late seventh or early eighth century.

The window glass consists of small quarries, up to two centimetres long and of irregular form and deliberately shaped, presumably to fit into an overall design. The glass has been found in three colours, which Mr Biddle described as "cool, light blue; rich, dark blue; and olive-green with milky trails". The closest parallels are from the Northumbrian monastic sites of Monkwearmouth, Jarrow and Escomb, where window glass was found in excavations a few years ago; since the Mercian monasteries were founded by missions from Northumbria the technology may well have been brought from there.

The presence of glass and iron-working indicates a monastic workshop, earlier than the crypt, the construction levels of which overlay the industrial debris, and that in turn overlying the early burials.

Among other Late Saxon burials found, similar to those excavated in 1974, was one grave with two coffins side by side, one skeleton wearing a bronze ring; to the east of the previous trench part of the cemetery of the Norman priory founded in 1172 was found. All of the graves were equipped with head and foot stones and some had cover slabs, while a monolithic coffin had a cover decorated with a "lozenge twill" pattern. It contained a complete skeleton and fragments of a previous occupant.

Examination of the surviving portions of the Saxon church, thought to be of the mid-ninth century, has shown that its length was divided into three: eastern chancel, a western nave, and a square monks' choir between. Such square central spaces have often been assumed to have supported a tower. At Repton, however, the presence of two wide flat corbels projecting from the eastern angles of the present tower, the upper part of which is fifteenth century, indicates the springing of a gable.

Two possible interpretations are a four-gabled "Rhenish helm" on a tower such as the one that has survived at Sompting, in Sussex, or that there was a cruciform roof at the same height as the nave, with gables at the exterior wall faces. Dr Taylor argues that the latter form was used, so that the central space was roofed by a cruciform structure composed of the nave and chancel roof. The short, pitched lateral roofs extended 15 feet on each side to a gable on the line of the nave wall, he believes, against which the lower roofs of the transeptal chapels were butted. The presence in plan of a central square space in such churches should not, therefore, be taken as evidence for a tower unless other information justifies it.

By Norman Hammond,
Archaeological Correspondent.

## Science report

# Genetics: Nitrogen-fixing maize

Selected lines of maize have shown a potential for nitrogen-fixing activity in the field far greater than previously expected, according to two Brazilian scientists. That could eventually form the basis of breeding new lines of maize which would be at least partly self-sufficient in their nitrogen requirements, and so make possible high yields of a staple crop with less artificial nitrogen fertilizer.

Nitrogen-fixing maize sounds like the realization of the long-held dream of conferring the capacity for biological nitrogen fixation on an important crop plant. But it is in fact a natural phenomenon, due to a loose association between the roots of the grass and certain nitrogen-fixing bacteria.

The association between the maize and the bacteria is one of a number of such relationships among tropical grasses. It may well prove to be as important economically as the much better known symbiotic relationship between the rhizobia and leguminous plants.

Biological nitrogen-fixation is one of the most important natural reactions, as it is the only way in which abundant but inert atmospheric nitrogen can be converted into the nitrogen compounds plants can use. Artificial nitrogen fertilizers have suddenly become more expensive in the past few years, based as they are on the combination of nitrogen with hydrogen derived from fossil fuels. So any way in which the natural reaction can be better used or extended to plants other than the legumes is now the matter for intensive and enthusiastic investigation.

Hitherto most attention has focussed on the rhizobium-legume association, because of its practical agricultural importance and because it provides a possible model for the transfer of the capacity to fix nitrogen to other crops.

However, over the past few years the importance of the associations between certain other nitrogen-fixing bacteria such as *Azotobacter* and *Spirillum* species and some tropical grasses has been recognized. Those grasses seem to encourage the formation of populations of specific bacteria in intimate association with the roots, in some cases in a primitive symbiotic relationship. The most interesting association from an economic point of view is that with maize, and Dr J. F. W. von Bulow and Dr Johanna Dobereiner of Rio de Janeiro University have now shown that the control over that association exerted by the maize plant is genetically determined, and have selected lines of maize that have the capacity to fix nitrogen equal to that of the leguminous soya bean.

Nitrogen-fixing ability was estimated by the non-destructive acetylene reduction assay for nitrogenase activity, which permitted the plants to continue growing and produce seeds. Some of the daughter plants showed a much higher rate of nitrogen fixation than the original parent and the best of those produced between 2,000 and 7,000 nanomoles of ethylene from acetylene for every gram of dry root each hour compared with 313 nanomol for the original parent.

The rate of nitrogen fixation in that system varies greatly at different times in the life of the plant and depends to a large extent on many external factors, such as soil moisture content and temperature. Before the full potential of maize to fix nitrogen can be realised those limiting factors will have to be determined, and new strains of maize and conditions of cultivation tailored to suit them.

By Nature-Times News Service.

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# OBITUARY

## PROFESSOR W. G. KEYWO

### Eminent in vegetable researc

Professor William Graham Keyworth, who was deputy director and head of the plant pathology section at the National Vegetable Research Station, Wellesbourne, died suddenly on Thursday, at the age of 60.

He was a Royal Scholar at the Royal College of Science and established his eminence by his work at East Malling Research Station on the control of verticillium disease in hops. Following his appointment to the NVRS in 1952 he combined a distinguished scientific career with an outstanding administrative contribution to the growth and well being of th He always made time problems and devoted his spare time to wor Marriage Guidance Co Citizens Advice Bure considerate counsell greatly valued.

He is a past preside Association of Appli gists and the chairma editorial board, was member and fellow of tute of Biology, and man of the Joint Co Organization's Field V Committee.

He leaves a widow, I

## SIR RICHARD WHITTINGTON

Sir Andrew Gilchrist writes:

Sir Richard Whittington, who died on August 18, began his career in the Siam Branch of the Consular Service. This service was set up by Disraeli, together with the Levant, China and Japan branches; the original duties were not strictly consular but rather administrative, judicial and diplomatic, with the final element eventually predominating and prevailing.

Two members of the Siam Branch rose to the distinguished rank of Ambassador in Bangkok; and both ended their careers there. The first was Sir Josiah Crosby, whose term of office ended with a spell of Japanese internment in Bangkok in 1941-42, followed by utterly unfair allegations that he had misled the British defenders of Singapore over Siamese intentions in the Far Eastern war.

The second was Dick Whittington, whose death was announced in your columns on August 22. He had worked with Crosby as Head of Chancery and later as First Secretary; and he shared Crosby's captivity and misfortunes. All of us who knew him were sure that he would one day be pr the Embassy, which from 1957 to 1961.

Dick was one of th men ever to hold a tion in the Diplomati A large part of dipl persuasion, and Dick finitely persuasive. N representative, with th exception of Crosby, highly regarded by the whose language he s fectly and whose way understood and adm more successful inter one culture to anoth ways) could be ex exist. There are only four of us left, who pelled by the Foreign our infinite advantage complete Thai, and trained in diplom Crosby; so that Dick ton's departure is diminishment. And n us: for his death will and mourned by a w rum of Thai friends descendants of King C korn to the present h high political power; survivors of several g of British businessmen kok will remember sincere affection and

## PROFESSOR HOGBEN

Roland Gant writes:

Your obituary gave an excellent summary of Lancelot Hogben's life and his achievements in a wide and varied field. Our friendship during the last quarter of his life brought to my own an unforgettable and uniquely rich experience.

He aroused my interest in linguistics and never tired of answering the questions of an enthusiastic listener starting from scratch, half a lifetime late. But even Lancelot was forced to admit that number-blindness insulates me from an understanding of mathematics. He was not only intellectually stimulating but very good company. As raconteur casual and dry wit as keen ear for the pomp critical and euphemis he would mimic while in his almost silent Politicians' jargon, cliché, insensitive and ate forms of expres rageous puns and sh stories—all came into versation and correspo

Instructive and am could be frosty with so through shyness or dislike, yet he was no successful in hiding recognition of the de tion he aroused or hi capacity for returning

## MR FREDERICK ALTHAUS

Graham H. Greenwell writes:

The death of Frederick Althaus, late Senior Partner of Pember & Boyle, one of the leading firms on The Stock Exchange, and past Deputy Chairman of The Stock Exchange Council, brings to an end the career of one of the outstanding men in the City of London.

Educated at Rugby and Balliol, he brought to his profession the qualities of a liberal and intellectual outlook, tempered by wit, vanity and common sense. Born in 1895, he was one of those who offered his youth for service in the first German War, in which he served with distinction from beginning to end. He was the originator, and I believe, principal author of the great work on British Government Securities, which remains a text book on the subject to this day, and for which he and his f earned the respect of t

His position as th sentative of the Exchange on the F Internationale des Bo Valeurs where his plished command French language gave advantage of great val Council. Unlike some contemporaries he was view the changes of 50 years with sympath standing and humo never fell short of loyalty to his colleagu the Institution wh served; and his influe invariably used in the of justice and toleranc qualities are not so in the world of finan merce and politics that not occasion sincere ration when found an sorrow when lost.

## SIR GARNET GORDON

Sir John Stow writes:

May I as a former administrator of St Lucia and friend of Sir Garnet Gordon for over thirty years add a few observations to your excellent obituary notice.

During the years leading to independence or associated statehood it is impossible to underrate the quality of assistance and advice which Garnet Gordon gave to successive Governors and Administrators in the Windward Islands and in St Lucia in particular.

In those days when it was not popular for West Indian representatives to appl efforts and generosity United Kingdom Gove Garnet Gordon would fearlessly if he felt justified. He was not p to oppose for the s opposition and moreover usually able to see prob greater perspective tha of his contemporarie forthrightness and his su career caused him regarded with jealousy tain quarters in the West This he knew but accept challenge without ranc bitterness.

## Latest pamphlets

# Amazing development of the Bach family

**The Family of Bach.** By Celia Bisony. What a remarkable family the Bachs were. From itinerant musicians and entertainers they developed within a few generations into accomplished and widely acclaimed organists and composers. The family greatness reached its apex with the talent of Johann Sebastian, but many of his ancestors, his cousins and his sons made noteworthy contributions to the musical scene.

"The amazing development of this family is unparalleled in its scope. No other single family has contributed so much to our musical heritage", Miss Bisony says. Modern musicology has brought to wider notice the music and differing styles of the other Bachs. Miss Bisony's monograph should act as a tasty aperitif for music lovers to the larger musical meal that is available on the subject.

She sets her account of the family and its influence against the social, religious and cultural background of the period, and throws interesting light on the place of patronage in the small ducal courts in seventeenth and eighteenth century Germany. *The Artemis Press Ltd, Sedgwick Park, Horsham, Sussex.* 90p (postage 9p).

**William Morris and Eric Gill.** By Peter Faulkner. When William Morris died in 1896, Eric Gill was a boy aged 12. Gill subsequently developed a similar combination of craftsmanship and criticism of social values. Mr Faulkner, a lecturer at Essex University with a keen interest in Morris, discusses here the similarities and contrasts in outlook of the two men related to the different in which they lived. Both deeply concerned about ful in man's daily work an effects of commercialism viewpoints are thought-pro and relevant in a modern c The booklet has been pr to a standard one would exp the William Morris Society.

*William Morris Society*, 25 *Crescent, Kew, Surrey*. £1 (p 8p).

**G. F. Watts:** The Hall of It is a pity that the illustr in this booklet are in blac white; colour would have displayed the expressiveness Watt's brushwork. But the still opportunity for those have the desire to see the ori on current exhibition at National Portrait Gallery. booklet, a useful aid, explains Watts was inspired to pain posterity, and the various gallery of great Victorian wor a collection which grew hazardly over a period.

Watts disliked and tried to portrait commissions. Neverth when he painted friends famous contemporaries he di in a vivid and powerful way. subjects were invariably pa at the request of the artist, although the sitters were al conscious of the honour of s their final judgments were always favourable.

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While taking a fairly pessimistic view of car sales on the home front in the short term, industry leaders have stressed constantly the need to take into account the buoyant state of Britain's trade in motor products with overseas countries.

The SMMT will be publishing import and export figures tomorrow which will again show a massive surplus in Britain's favour. And it is expected that total exports this year will be worth £2,350m against imports of £950m, a balance of £1,400m.

In the first six months of this year motor industry export earnings, which include booming sales of components and specialist vehicles, were £1,260m, an increase of 43 per cent on the same period of 1974. However, it is the non-car sectors which continue to boost overseas earnings. In the first six months Britain had a deficit of £8m on imports of built-up cars against exports.

Projecting into next year, the SMMT now believes that exports will bring in more than £3,000m, of which car sales will account for 20 per cent.

# Judge rules against Crest's plea on panel

By Margaret Walters

An attempt to draw what remaining teeth the Takeover Panel may have in resolving the tortuous Ashbourne Investments saga, failed in the High Court yesterday when the judge declined to grant Crest International an injunction against the Panel. The injunction had been sought by two directors who claimed they were being "harassed and frustrated" in their efforts to prevent their group going into liquidation.

Mr Brian Simmons, a Crest director, told Mr Justice Oliver that the Panel had refused consent for Crest to sell part of its holding in Ashbourne, the group for which it incurred an obligation to bid over a year and a half ago. But the judge suggested that if Crest wished to take legal action against the Panel it should do so in more precise terms and give the other side notice of its application.

The Takeover Panel said yesterday that the law court reports were the first indication that it had received of Crest's action.

It claimed that it had requested Crest to supply certain information on its sale of 471,000 Ashbourne shares to a "shelf" company, Topview, announced last week. The Panel is evidently concerned to know more about the new ownership of this holding, amounting to 5 per cent of Ashbourne's equity, and how it is likely to be voted at Ashbourne's extraordinary general meeting to be held on September 5.

This egm has been called by the Crest faction to propose a number of resolutions changing board control and company policy. Crest has been specifically debarred by Panel proclamation from voting half its shares, and enjoined to vote the other half against what are effectively its own resolution.

# Oil imports surge cuts US monthly trade surplus to $977m–fourth highest on record

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 26

The United States had its sixth consecutive monthly trade surplus in July, at $977.1m (about £444.1m). While this is the fourth highest monthly surplus ever recorded, it was well below the June surplus of $1,737.3m, largely as a result of a rise in oil imports.

According to the Department of Commerce, the country's trade surplus in the first seven months totalled $6,409.7m, compared with a deficit in the 1974 period of $637.5m.

Administration economists expect a substantial trade surplus for the year as a whole, but give warning that the trade position would deteriorate in the coming months.

Oil imports are likely to continue mounting because of the economic upswing and the lifting of the oil import tariff, the experts say. However, it will be some time before oil price decontrol starts to produce an upswing in domestic oil output and lower oil imports.

Meanwhile, recessions abroad are seen as possibly limiting United States export sales, while the recovery here could see increased imports of consumer goods in particular.

The strong trade surplus, coupled with rising interest rates, could well lead to a continuation of the upward trend of the dollar in international currency markets.

Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary, believes the dollar has reached a more realistic level compared with the rate of a few months ago.

Foreign exchange dealers are worried, however, about the recent upswing in inflation rates and maintain that the move back to double-digit inflation could again weaken the currency.

Mr Simon believes the substantial slack in the economy will moderate price rises later in the year and is still hopeful of keeping inflation below the double-digit level.

Today's figures show that increased oil imports accounted for about 70 per cent of the rise in overall imports last month. July imports totalled $7,907.5m against $6,954.2m in June.

Imports in the first seven months at an annual rate, were 6 per cent below the comparative 1974 level, at $93,939m.

July exports reached their highest level in 6 months at $3,846m, against $3,691.5m in June. So far this year exports have risen at an annual rate of $104,927m, which is 7 per cent above 1974.

The unadjusted dollar value of all oil imports last month was $2,047.3m or $707.7m above the June level.

# BA chairman rules out bribery in TriStar deal

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Sir David Nicolson, chairman of British Airways, in a statement issued in London yesterday rejected categorically suggestions that his airline had taken bribes to buy the Lockheed TriStar airbus from the United States.

The suggestion emerged in Washington on Monday when a congressional committee investigated the payment by Lockheed of around £10.5m in the past four-and-a-half years to secure foreign business.

Sir David said yesterday: "I deeply resent the suggestion that British Airways were offered, let alone accepted, bribes by the Lockheed Aircraft Company, and categorically reject it.

"I have absolute confidence that no individual in British Airways has been involved in such impropriety."

British Airways have ordered 18 TriStars, costing up to £10m each. The first were delivered last year.

In his statement yesterday, Sir David said: "We have not yet been able to see a full transcript of the Senate hearing, but first reports imply that a completely wrong assumption has been drawn from a blanket refusal by Mr Dan Haughton, Lockheed's chairman, to answer questions related to a number of foreign countries, including Britain.

"I and my colleagues who were closely involved in the negotiations over the British Airways TriStar order can testify to the scrupulous propriety with which they were conducted. It is hardly necessary to point out that matters of this kind are the subject of detailed prolonged debate by the board, and the decision is not made by just one or two people."

Four years ago Congress passed a Bill to guarantee loans of up to $250m (about £120m) to Lockheed to ensure its survival after Rolls-Royce, makers of RB211 engines for the TriStar, had gone bankrupt. The Senate hearing is investigating whether these guarantees helped in bribing foreign officials.

# Prospect of PO thaw over cable contracts

By Malcolm Brown

The Post Office may be edging closer to an accommodation with the United Kingdom's four main cable manufacturers which would allow it to lift the freeze on new Post Office cable contracts. But no agreement has yet been reached.

The freeze has been in operation since the four companies—Standard Telephone and Cables, British Insulated Callender's Cables, Pirelli General and Telephone Cables (an affiliate of the General Electric Co)—made it clear that they were reluctant to open their books without limitation, to Post Office scrutiny.

Access to the books had been sought after it was revealed that the four had, until earlier this year, been operating unregistered restrictive trading agreements in Post Office contracts. These activities were disclosed in *The Times* in March.

Yesterday the employees' newspaper of the STC group said little progress had been made in talks about the non-placement of orders.

But the fact that discussions have now been taking place for a month without a breakdown is taken to suggest that the parties have not reached a critical impasse.

If that point were reached it is believed that the Post Office might well consider legal action to gain access to the relevant material.

On telecommunication's equipment the STC group said yesterday that orders for 1976 delivery could be as much as 25 per cent down on 1975 levels.

# Mobil wins stake in £1,381m Saudi project

By Peter Hill

Plans for the development of the oil industry and downstream investment in petrochemicals in Saudi Arabia costing $2,900m (about £1,381m) are a little closer to realization.

The state-owned oil company, Petromin, has approved three big developments as part of a package deal with the American-owned Mobil oil company.

An export complex is to be built on the Red Sea involving a 100 per cent Saudi government-owned pipeline, with an initial daily capacity of 900,000 barrels (which can be raised to 2.3 million barrels daily).

An oil refinery with an initial capacity of 250,000 barrels daily is to be owned on a joint basis with Mobil, as will the petrochemical complex which is expected to cost in the region of $800m.

According to *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*, the deal will ensure an important role in the developing Saudi oil industry for Mobil, one for which other shareholders in Aramco have been competing individually.

Under the terms of the projected deal—which will be the first shift of the oil industry away from the Dhahran area on the Gulf to the undeveloped west coast—the large majority of the financing will be borne by the Saudi government.

A large part of the oil piped through the new 825-mile pipeline will be exported as crude and is likely to be competitive in the Mediterranean market.

The refinery project will have an ultimate capacity of 500,000 barrels daily, while associated petrochemical plants will incorporate facilities for the production of aromatics and ethylene for polyethylene, ethylene glycol, and styrene monomer.

In another development, Egypt is reported to be canvassing for possible partners to develop a huge export refining complex in the Alexandria area—with a daily capacity of up to 500,000 barrels.

Feasibility studies are to be completed within the next few weeks and officials in Cairo have indicated that four Arab oil states—Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates—have expressed an interest in taking a 50 per cent stake in the planned development. The four countries are involved in financing the Suez-Mediterranean oil pipeline.

# Steel plant furnace start faces union wrath

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Commissioning of a large new blast-furnace at the British Steel Corporation's steelmaking complex at Llanwern, South Wales is to go ahead despite a dispute with the blastfurnacemen's union which has delayed the start-up of the plant for the past eight months.

The BSC confirmed yesterday that it planned to go ahead with the commissioning of the plant, part of a £150m expansion scheme, regardless of whether the dispute over pay rates was settled. The state steel undertaking is clearly determined to force a showdown with the union—and this could result in Government intervention—over the pay issue.

Management and officials of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen have failed to agree on wage rates for the 150 men who will be required to operate the furnace. The Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service has not been called in, but it would seem that the organization will shortly become involved.

The men are demanding rates, including bonuses, of up to £120 a week and so far the management has offered a rate of about £85 a week, which is still considerably higher than rates paid to NUB workers at plants in other parts of the country.

The blast-furnace, which will take up to five months to commission, is the largest in Britain and is comparable to some of the major units operated by Japanese steelmakers.

# Kuwaiti official forecasts 10pc dearer Opec crude

Columbia, South Carolina, Aug 26.—Mr Abdul Rahman al-Atiki, the Kuwaiti Finance Minister, said there would probably be a 10 per cent increase in the price of oil after the September meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Mr al-Atiki, here to promote a nearby resort island Kuwait plans to develop, also said his country would not hesitate to participate in an oil embargo against the United States and other countries if circumstances made it necessary.

"I assure you, at a time when I need to defend myself, I will not hesitate to use any weapon to destroy my enemy or those helping my enemy", Mr al-Atiki said.

He said impending United States decontrol of oil prices would have some effect world wide, but he did not discuss possible cost increases. Decontrol "will help us conserve energy."

Washington meeting: In Caracas, Venezuelan government sources said that treasury ministers of Opec would meet in Washington next week.

They said the meeting, originally to have been held in Caracas, had been rescheduled to coincide with the Washington meetings of the International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.—AP, Dow Jones and Reuter.

# Shares climb higher in strong market

Equities continued to advance on the London stock market yesterday, although early gains were sharply reduced in late dealings. Investment institutions, anxious not to miss the recovery in share prices, found the market again very short of stock and prices rose smartly.

The *FT* index touched 323.9 at 3.30 pm but fell back sharply when Wall Street faltered, to close at 319.6, a net gain of 3.8. Turnover was quite good, although institutional interest died away in the afternoon.

Oil shares were particularly strong in response to the improved chances of settlement in the Middle East.

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# Costain in talks on Iran new town

Richard Costain confirmed in London yesterday that it was involved in negotiations to build a new town at Chah Bahar, Iran. The town of some 20,000 homes is part of a new naval base.

Overall cost of the project is believed to be in the region of £600m, but there is no indication of how much of this would go to the British group.

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# Tokyo unprepared for bankruptcy of Kohjin

Tokyo, Aug 26.—Japan's business community was stunned today by the failure of Kohjin Company, a diversified pulp, textile and real estate concern listed on the first section of the Tokyo stock exchange.

Kohjin, which announced late yesterday that it plans on Friday to apply for court protection from creditors under the terms of Japan's corporate rehabilitation law, will become the country's biggest post war bankruptcy.

Its failure, attributed by Mr Teiichiro Morinaga, governor of the Bank of Japan, to poor management rather than to the effects of central bank monetary policies, came just as the government was in the process of drawing up a package of measures to stimulate business. They are expected to be announced next month.

Mr Morinaga, who delayed his departure for the International Monetary Fund annual meeting in Washington to deal with the Kohjin crisis, said the central bank will ask Japanese financial institutions to make sure that the business failure does not result in a chain reaction of bankruptcies.

Bank of Japan officials said the opening of special lines of credit for small and medium-sized firms linked to Kohjin are likely. Kohjin's failure is also likely to result in additional pressure on Japan's monetary authorities to ease credit throughout the economy.

The central bank cut its official discount rate for the third time this year on August 13, but business leaders said the half-point reduction was too little, too late.

The company's liabilities are tentatively estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 150,000m yen (£237m) or 200,000m yen if those of its 39 affiliates are included.

Kohjin's immediate liquidity problems stemmed from about 3,000m yen worth of commercial bills falling due at the end of August. The company found itself unable to honour the bills without the help of its banks and the banks decided against any further involvement.—AP-Dow Jones.

# Senate inquiry on petrodollars

Washington, Aug 26

The Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations today started an investigation to determine if the banking system faces potential stress and dangers through political manipulation of overseas deposits by oil-producing countries.

A spokesman for the committee said it is conducting the investigation through questionnaires to the largest United States banks with overseas operations.—Reuter.

# Accountants criticize capital transfer tax

The Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies yesterday published its comments on capital transfer tax as contained in a recent submission to the chairman of the board of the Inland Revenue.

It urged annual revision of all monetary limits to allow for inflation, and suggested there should be a deferment of CTT payment on transfers of unquoted shares from a working proprietor to another person working full time in the company.

It claims that interest on unpaid tax should be fixed at a commercial rate and be made tax deductible. "Interest at 9 per cent is an intolerable burden for higher rate taxpayers", it stated.

The exemption limit of £5,000 for gifts on marriage is inadequate and should be greatly increased. The rate of tax on life-time gifts is too heavy discouraging the redistribution of wealth, the CCAB said.

# Bonn breaks self-imposed ban on borrowing abroad

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Aug 26

The West German Federal Government has been placing short term promissory notes abroad in a further bid to meet a borrowing requirement now estimated at DM38,000m (£7,000m) for this year.

A finance ministry spokesman confirmed that the government had quietly lifted its self-imposed ban on such transactions, and over the past three or so weeks had placed around DM1,500m worth of Federal promissory notes of between two years and four years life with investors abroad.

The last time the Federal government took such action was at the end of September last year when news of the sales caused a minor international furore.

As a result Bonn said it would adhere to a "gentleman's agreement" and not sell government paper of less than four year's life to non-residents.

Since last September, however, the monetary situation has changed. German interest rates have fallen sharply.

The finance ministry added that from tomorrow, non-residents will be paid interest on West German bank accounts, thus reversing a foreign exchange control introduced at the time of hot money inflows in May, 1971.

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# London Electrical and General Trust Limited

Year ended 30th June 1975

| | 1975 £ | 1974 £ |
|---|---|---|
| ROSS REVENUE | 897,765 | 749,401 |
| less Expenses | 49,465 | 45,251 |
| Interest | 212,643 | 187,709 |
| ET REVENUE BEFORE TAXATION | 635,657 | 516,441 |
| less Taxation | 259,687 | 189,255 |
| Preference Dividend | 13,230 | 13,230 |
| ET REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR RDINARY SHAREHOLDERS | 362,740 | 313,956 |
| ARNINGS PER p ORDINARY SHARE | 2.68p | 2.49p |
| IVIDEND (including tax credits) | 3.42p | 2.65p |
| OTAL NET ASSETS (£'000) | 13,493 | 11,404 |
| et Assets represented by: | | |
| Bank Advance | 1,348 | 1,360 |
| Debenture Stocks | 950 | 950 |
| Preference Stocks | 360 | 360 |
| RDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' TERESt | 10,835 | 8,714 |
| | 13,493 | 11,404 |
| ET ASSET VALUE PER p ORDINARY SHARE | | |
| after deducting prior charges at minal value | 86p | 69p |
| after deducting prior charges at: arket value | 92p | 75p |
| cluding an amount in respect of the % of the dollar premium, subject to rrender | 3.6p | 2p |

# How the markets moved

The FT index: 319.6 +3.8
The Times index: 131.69 +2.17

## Rises

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allen H & Ross | 10p to 330p | Johnson Matt | 10p to 255p |
| Barclays Bk | 5p to 270p | Nairn & W'son | 19p to 84p |
| BP | 8p to 528p | Royco Grp | 3p to 20p |
| Broken Hill | 10p to 670p | Slater Walker | 4p to 65p |
| Costain, R. | 10p to 182p | Taylor Woodrow | 11p to 272p |
| Hawker Sidd | 12p to 282p | Titaghur Jute | 1p to 10p |
| Imp Chem Ind | 3p to 264p | Wimpey, G. | 10p to 114p |

## Falls

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anglo Am Corp | 5p to 435p | Int Hldgs | 5p to 825p |
| Bates E. Hldgs | 2p to 40p | Minorco | 4p to 262p |
| Botswana Rst | 3p to 70p | Middle Wits | 5p to 495p |
| Crane Fruehauf | 1p to 14p | Plessey | 1p to 75p |
| Cons Gold Fields | 3p to 263p | Sentrust | 5p to 365p |
| GEC | 1p to 125p | Welkom | 10p to 370p |
| Investment Co | 2p to 17p | Western Areas | 15p to 510p |

Equities advanced sharply but fell back in late deals.
Gilt-edged securities were quiet.
Sterling rose by 30 points to $2.1095. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.7 per cent.
Gold was unchanged on the day at $161.875 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.18774 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.564372 on Friday (no quote for Monday).
Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,183.3 (1,178.7 on Friday).

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## THE POUND

| | Bank buys | Bank sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.70 | 1.65 |
| Austria Sch | 39.50 | 37.50 |
| Belgium Fr | 85.00 | 82.25 |
| Canada $ | 2.215 | 2.165 |
| Denmark Kr | 12.90 | 12.50 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.15 | 7.90 |
| France Fr | 9.45 | 9.15 |
| Germany DM | 5.55 | 5.35 |
| Greece Dr | 69.75 | 67.50 |
| Hongkong $ | 10.85 | 10.45 |
| Italy Lr | 1515.00 | 1465.00 |
| Japan Yn | 650.00 | 625.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 5.70 | 5.50 |
| Norway Kr | 11.85 | 11.50 |
| Portugal Esc | 56.50 | 54.50 |
| S Africa Rd | 1.79 | 1.71 |
| Spain Pes | 125.25 | 120.25 |
| Sweden Kr | 9.40 | 9.10 |
| Switzerland Fr | 5.75 | 5.55 |
| US $ | 2.145 | 2.095 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 40.25 | 38.25 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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# Wales bangs the drum for US investment

From Trevor Fishlock
New York, Aug 26

Wales is making its most ambitious effort to win export orders in the United States and more American investment. Businessmen, industrialists, the Development Corporation for Wales and the Welsh Office today began to bang the drum for the country.

Focal point is Wales Week in New York, organized by the development corporation. A Welsh crafts fair opens at the Hilton tomorrow and a trade mission sets off a two-week selling expedition.

Meanwhile, Mr John Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, is arriving to add his weight to the sales and investment drive. He speaks to 1,000 businessmen at a lunch in New York tomorrow and follows up with similar meetings in Boston, Minneapolis and Chicago.

Accompanying him will be Mr Hugh Thomas, the British Steel Corporation's regional policy coordinator for Wales, who is part of the team working to bring new industries to Ebbw Vale and Shotton where steel work forces are being reduced.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Forgetting what the bearish arguments were

The equity market began to carry a slightly tired look after hours yesterday with the *FT30* Share Index losing more than half the gain of 8.1 points that it had notched up by mid-afternoon. But that was, perhaps, not all that surprising. After Friday's explosive opening to the new account, there were fairly good reasons for supposing that the advance would start to slow. Quite apart from the fact that there are already reasonable profits for the taking for those who were picking up stock earlier in the month, the turnover figures still suggest that institutions are finding it difficult to put money into the market in size and are not prepared to push funds into the market at any price.

That said, the mood in the market is clearly much more bullish than it has been for some time. As one broker put it yesterday, fund managers drifting back from holiday appear to have forgotten just what the bearish arguments for the market were. Instead, they are coming back to hopes of recovery in overseas economies, signs that the Government's pay policy has been generally accepted and some optimistic predictions on the incipent recovery in the financial health of the corporate balance-sheet. True, these predictions assume further recourse to rights issues, but the general feeling seems to be that the pace of the rights issue market is now likely to remain considerably slower than in the first half of the year. The next couple of weeks should confirm this one way or the other.



Sir Hugh Fraser, chairman of House of Fraser: sales up 18 per cent in second quarter.

### House of Fraser

## Second quarter downturn

Half-time profits just marginally up from the House of Fraser not only contrasts with some bullish feelings earlier on but also confirms some of the cautious sentiments expressed about department store prospects this year, despite what seemed to be a fair degree of success on Fraser's part in bucking the sector's trend.

No one was suggesting that the first quarter outcome—a sales rise of 30 per cent and a pre-tax gain of well over a fifth—would be the pattern for the whole year. But a marginal fall, from £4.7m to £4.5m in the second quarter pre-tax figure, together with a sales rise of 18 per cent that suggests very little volume growth, was rather worse than most people anticipated and must cast doubts on House of Fraser's capacity to maintain, let alone increase, earnings for the year as a whole.

For a start, the group's stated aim of achieving sales growth of around a quarter for the 12 months now looks something of a lost hope. Department store sales are reckoned to have had a very thin time of it during July, and the regular figures from the John Lewis Partnership show gains of only single figures. And against that internal costs can probably be reckoned to be rising by over a fifth this year.

True, there are one or two useful turnround areas in Fraser, and the possibility of some better figures from Harrods, but it is difficult to get enthusiastic about the shares which are on a prospective yield of just under 6 per cent at 107p.

*Interim:* 1975-76 (1974-75)
*Capitalization* £130m
*Sales* 153m (£123.3m)
*Pre-tax profits* £6.3m (£6.2m)
*Dividend gross* 2.12p (1.865p)

### Trident TV

## Further cash build up

In such a grisly year for television contractors it is something that Trident Television can at least forecast profits which should be big enough to justify a maintained dividend, and a reasonably secure 13 per cent yield at 23½p is some consolation in present circumstances. But for all the obvious problems of sluggish advertising revenue and rising programme costs the fundamental prospect for Trident from here is far from gloomy.

Admittedly the present year will have to carry £700,000 net of start-up costs on the new television rental and retail operation in Australia, but excluding this Trident is talking of full year profits around the £2.9m made last year. In part this is due to an excellent year for programme sales abroad and an improvement from scenery manufacturing.

But it also owes much to the taking over of the Belmont transmitter from Anglian, which will mean much more resilience on the contracting side than most other companies can expect. The extra revenue from Belmont is way outstripping the extra costs, and in the first half of this year Trident's revenues were up by 11.6 per cent compared to 5.8 per cent for the industry as a whole.

There are hopes of yet further market share as the benefits of Belmont feed through fully, but even if this fails to mature and next year is again dismal for the contractors, Trident should be profitable in Australia from the start of next year. So turnaround there should ensure overall growth in 1975/76, and in the meantime the balance-sheet is looking even stronger than before with net cash up from £2.87m to £3.07m.

*Interim:* 1974-75 (1973-74)
*Capitalization* £7.85m*
*Sales* £16.0m (£13.9m)
*Pre-tax profits* £1.12m (£1.97m)
*Dividend gross* 0.99p (0.96p)
* "A" shares

### Weir Group

## Gearing still high

With the directors forecasting second-half profits in line with those of the first six months—which were marginally up on the total for the whole of last year—Weir Group is evidently set for a record in 1975. Cause enough for celebration, perhaps: and indeed, the group's shares ended the day 4p higher at 64p after a remarkably strong performance at the back-end of last week. But the significance of the figures lies less in the fact that they have confirmed expectations of a good performance than in their implications for cash flow.

For despite largely successful efforts to contain working capital requirements, Weir's gearing is still very high indeed, with a £123,000 increase in the six months' interest charge to £1.72m indicating a further, if marginal, increase in half-time borrowings. Hence the decision not to raise the interim dividend. On a repeat at the final the shares would yield 9.25 per cent, which certainly has its attractions, but even on so austere a dividend policy retentions are not going to bring the level of gearing down much in the short-term; and meantime there are still doubts over performance next year.

Weir points out with some justice that its loss-making building side—which contributed a small loss to associates' profits—has now been hived off, and that its efforts to diversify abroad are meeting with the sort of success that should provide some protection—in terms of business generated—against a further downturn in the United Kingdom in 1976. In particular the group reckons it will have progress payments tied up before work begins on the £30m Middle Eastern order that will keep its desalination side busy for something over two years.

*Interim:* 1975 (1974)
*Capitalization* £11.54m
*Sales* £48.1m (£41.62m)
*Pre-tax profits* £3.08m (£1.18m)
*Dividend gross* 2.15p (2.09p)

### Leonard Fairclough

## Problems at Parkinson

The acquisition of Sir Lindsay Parkinson has helped swell turnover by 49 per cent at Leonard Fairclough, but problems on some of the long-term contracts taken on board along with Parkinson have held profits virtually static.

The rate of losses here, largely on public sector contracts in the London area, is running faster than expected and it now looks unlikely that they can be held within the £2m provision made in the last accounts. Negotiations are going on with the various clients for variation of claims but for the moment losses must be assumed to be open-ended. Parkinson's attractions so far as Fairclough is concerned was largely the opencast interests and, though these are currently being developed, they are unlikely to yield earnings before next year.

Meanwhile, Fairclough's order book apparently remains healthy enough across the whole of the United Kingdom construction sector, including orders for road building where the group has avoided the fixed-price contract horrors experienced elsewhere. Saudi Arabia, too, should make a meaningful contribution to earnings in the second half, with the new Fairclough-Midani company handling work on Saudi Arabia's new airport. Liquidity, too, is strong following the rights issue, but the shares will probably need what support they can get from an 8.1 per cent prospective yield at 156p—several points above the sector average, until the full impact of the Parkinson contracts is assessable.

*Capitalization* £13.8m
*Sales* £66.3m (£44.6m)
*Pre-tax Profits* £1.8m (£1.77m)
*Dividend gross* 5.39p (3.7p)
*Interim:*

Christopher Wilkins discusses the Bank of England approach to supervision

# Tightening the reins on the banks

During the next few weeks the results of a fundamental review of the way in which banks in Britain are henceforth to be supervised will emerge from the Bank of England. All banks, from the smallest to the biggest, will be affected, but anybody expecting to see a clear set of rules by which outsiders can judge a bank's soundness will be sadly disappointed.

What the Bank is likely to reveal is that it is switching over from one method of nods and winks to another. But it would be a serious mistake to assume that because the banking system is not to be forced to toe any visible disciplinary lines nothing will have changed.

With the benefit of hindsight it can now be seen that the mechanisms for dealing with the crises that engulfed the banking community during 1974 were woefully lacking. Shortage of manpower, shortage of statistics and serious structural deficiencies in the Bank's supervisory department were all factors behind the failure to identify the hazards at an early stage and to respond rapidly.

Even after the collapse of London and County Securities late in 1973 several critical weeks passed during which the true severity of the problems was fundamentally misunderstood. In consequence the crisis itself was probably deeper and more protracted than it might have been.

For a time there was a real danger that the problems of the fringe might feed through to the heart of the system and it is a tribute to the Bank's flexibility that the various ad hoc measures it took—chiefly through the creation of the "lifeboat committee" with the clearing banks—succeeded in containing the situation as successfully as they did.

Essentially, however, such measures represented only a holding operation. It had become painfully apparent that the supervisory system itself needed to be completely rethought and restructured.

The first problem, clearly, was a departmental one. Responsibility for making sure that banks were run properly lay with the Discount Office, whose original function had been to supervise the day-to-day operations of the short-term money markets.

That may have been all right as long as its brief extended primarily to the clearing banks, the accepting houses and a tiny handful of foreign banks.

But by 1973 the combination of the explosion of the Euro-currency markets, bringing with it a flood of foreign banks into London, and the emergence of the domestic secondary banking industry, meant that a score of officials in the Discount Office, with other things to do, had to keep watch over some 300 banks. Inevitably, that watch could be only cursory.

Moreover, the Discount Office was denied much of the information which it needed to do the supervisory task properly. The main agent within the Bank for collating statistics was the Economic Intelligence Department. The returns made to it were mainly designed to throw up a picture of the banking system as a whole, not about the individual banks.

The Discount Office was left to rely largely upon published balance-sheets—generally several weeks out of date by the time they were seen—and an annual chat.

So the initial step had to be to separate the supervisory function for the banks from that for the short-term money markets. This was done last July when Mr George Blunden was made head of a new division specifically briefed to oversee the banks, and his department now numbers about 40.

The second step was to rectify some of the shortcomings in the flows of information, a process quickly set in motion by Mr Blunden.

First it was a question of reassembling in usable form the data already flowing into the Bank. This provided a basic picture of what individual banks' deposits were, where they came from and how they were redeployed in the form of loans, and so on. It also showed trading positions in foreign exchange.

To fill out the picture extra statistical material has been demanded, so that the Bank now knows more fully what the various items in individual balance-sheets really mean. For instance, it gets full details on loans against which provisions are made; it sees a complete analysis of the maturity of deposits and loans in sterling as well as foreign currencies; it is supplied with information about unusually large deposits and loans; it is told of any dealings involving associated companies and individual directors; and it knows of any stand-by facilities or contingency liabilities which banks might have taken on.

All of this, moreover, has been extended to a much wider range of banks than had previously been encompassed. Returns are also now being obtained quarterly instead of annually, although the clearing banks, being regarded as exceptional, are not being required to make them.

Calling for more information was the easier part of the progress towards a more comprehensive supervisory system, however. Much more thorny was the question of how the new information should be put to use.

What danger signals ought the Bank to look for? What disciplines, in terms of balance-sheet ratios, should it impose upon banks in the light of its reading of the statistics?

The Bank's informality in its dealings with banks in the past is rooted in the historical, if extraordinary, fact that there is no legislative basis for its supervisory role in the banking system. But while there is now bound to be some erosion of the purely empirical, evolutionary practice of the past it is plain that the Bank is heartily opposed to losing its traditional flexibility.

It has vigorously rejected any suggestion that it should set up a number of standards to which all banks would be required to adhere. While it is accepted that the maintenance of certain minimum ratios—say between capital and deposits—is not without value, it is felt that these should provide broad guidelines rather than categorical imperatives.

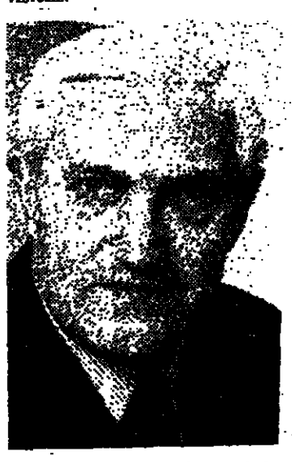
Such is the variety of banks that it thinks any simple set of standards would prove hopelessly unsatisfactory and, perhaps most important of all, would take no account of quality of management.

Assessment of management is to be the cornerstone of the supervisory system. Clearly the Bank has not overlooked the fact that the problem with the secondary banks lay less in the visible make-up of their balance sheets, which in many cases looked entirely satisfactory, than that managements had made sweeping errors of judgment, had allowed their loan books to become badly misbalanced and mismatched and had left their businesses dangerously exposed.

In retrospect it can be seen that many secondary banks had violated cardinal banking tenets in a way that was far from apparent to the public eye. The Bank believes that it is the job of the supervisor to identify such problems as they develop and that the adoption of fixed formulae would be a signally useless way of doing it.

But how does one assess management if not by ensuring that a bank's balance sheet is structured prudently—in brief, by means of ratios?

The Bank will indeed be paying some attention to ratios. In particular, it will want to see that liquid assets are sufficiently large in relation to deposits: it will also want to see that shareholders' funds are enough to cover investment in fixed assets, subsidiary companies and trade investments, while leaving a margin to meet unforeseen eventualities besides that provided by earnings and past loss provisions.



Mr George Blunden, head of the new division specifically briefed to oversee the banks.

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# Italians set about refurbishing their state industries' tarnished image

Nobody, not even the Communist Party, has a good word to say for the public sector in Italy. Never, as in recent months, has the press dug up so many cases of scandal, corruption, financial irregularity, abuse of authority by state managers, political pay-offs and collusion with the shadier side of party politics.

Parliament has called on the government to normalize the public sector, while Signor Antonio Bisaglia, the Christian Democrat minister for state-owned industry, has gone so far as to admit in a magazine interview to "distortions, insufficiencies, delays".

One fact, however, should not be forgotten in the continuing polemics. The basic validity of the "IRI formula" of public companies operating to private management standards is not questioned, though its appeal may have become tarnished.

There is no pressure to restore state companies to private ownership. On the contrary, as the recession bites, the number of private companies seeking state support increases.

What is under attack is the way in which the Christian Democrats and their smaller allies have in 30 years of rule allegedly mismanaged the system and bent it to their immediate, shortsighted, and not always honest ends.

The public corporations proper, falling under the ministry of Partecipazioni Statali (state-owned industry) are six—IRI, ENI, EFIM, EGAM and the smaller EAGAT (thermal spas and mineral waters) and Ente Cinema (Motion picture industry). Their leaders are mostly Christian Democrat supporters.

IRI is a vast conglomerate in banking, manufacturing and service industries. ENI is predominant in oil and gas. Egam's brief is mining and metallurgy, while EFIM grew out of the Breda group into activities as varied as aluminium, helicopters, food and tourism.

Altogether, the six corporations control about 965 companies with some 640,000 employees and are estimated to absorb nearly 30 per cent of capital investment in industry.

The ministry is not responsible for bodies like the state railways, the electricity board, ENEL, of the tobacco monopoly, which, though by no means free from criticism, are outside the immediate polemics.

All state corporations can point to objective difficulties, not least the recession. They complain that their *fondi di dotazioni* (endowment funds) provided by the state are much too small a capital base and force them into deepening debt.

They have to obey state directives to build white elephants, like IRI's steel complex at Gioia Tauro, in Calabria—though doubts are now voiced about this project going ahead—or ENI's joint venture with Montedison for man-made textiles in the wilds of central Sardinia.

But reasons of a different nature lie behind the recent dismissals of Signor Raffaele Girotti and Signor Mario Einaudi as chairmen respectively of ENI and EGAM, or the emergence in ENI and IRI of groups of executives contesting the management.

At ENI the Girotti management ran into trouble on several counts. Internally the vice-chairman, a Socialist nominee, refused to approve the last two years' accounts. Discontented officials formed themselves into an organized pressure group, while the heads of the chemical subsidiary ANIC agitated to break away from the parent.

Signor Girotti became involved in controversy with the industry minister, Signor Carlo Donat Cattin, who complained he could not get figures of how much money ENI was making out of its methane sales. Signor Girotti was attacked for secretly buying Montedison shares through a Swiss holding subsidiary.

Internationally, negotiations became bogged down on a large deal with Iran, on which Signor Girotti had set great hopes.

At IRI, too, officials have circulated a document critical of the management. Names have appeared in the press of appointments to IRI companies allegedly made because of Christian Democrat rather than managerial qualifications.

While its banks have done well, numerous IRI companies have been hit by the recession, whether Alitalia, Alfa Romeo or in shipping, shipbuilding, engineering or steel.

EGAM's Signor Einaudi had to leave after a storm broke over his sortie into new territory to buy (and for much too high a price, it was alleged) the Fassio shipping group which included insurance offshoots and two local Genoa newspapers. Opponents claimed that what really interested his Christian Democrat backers were the newspapers.

Obscurities also came to the fore over EGAM's purchase of control over Rivoira, a manufacturer of industrial gases.

EFIM maintains a lower key profile than the others and has had less mud thrown at it. Its chairman, Signor Pietro Sette, a friend of Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister, has reluctantly moved across to ENI, being succeeded at EFIM by his former director general.

EFIM companies, however, have not managed to avoid losses and their reco in for criticism.

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# Business Diary: Ring leader? • Train of events

Lindsay Ring, who seems by common consent to be the man most likely to succeed Sir Murray Fox as Lord Mayor of London in November, has at least one qualification for dealing with the encroachment of the Labour-controlled GLC, which wants to swallow the City Corporation.

Ring, who has been an alderman since 1968 and was a sheriff in the same year, was born on May Day, or, if you like, International Labour Day, 1914. He first became a Freeman before the last war, while an ancestor of his, Sir Samuel Birch, was Lord Mayor in 1814.

Ring became an underwriter at Lloyd's 10 years ago, but is best known as chairman of the family firm of City caterers, Ring and Brymer. They have been purveyors of banquets, turtle soup and all, since 1690 and still cater for the Lord Mayor's Banquet.

The new man has still to gain the formal approval of the City liverymen and of the Court of Alderman, but that is thought to be a formality. It should be an eventful year, with the London Labour Party again pressing for the abolition of the corporation.

One thing his worst enemies will not be able to say is that the economy-minded City is giving him the job because he is offering cut rates for the mayoral banquet: that's traditionally the Lord Mayor's responsibility anyway.

Ring's particular interest is in wines and, appropriately enough, he is Alderman for the Ward of Vintry.

*Business Diary's recent attempt to adjust the City motto to the temper of these parlous times brought forth howls of protest from outraged latinists in what was the heaviest postbag the column has had on any topic for years.*

*We had suggested that* Domine dirige nos *("O Lord guide us") might make way for* Domine succurre nos *(roughly "God help us!")*

*With a wealth of irony schoolmasterly letters from many parts of the realm pointed out that* succurre *requires an object in the dative case, and that the motto ought therefore to read*: Domine succurre nobis.

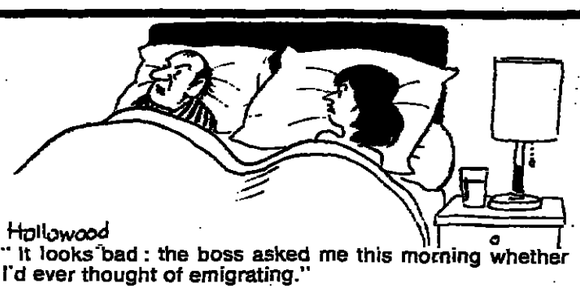
## Travel style

The West German federal railway is now hiring out for private use the special railway carriage designed for the Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt—who normally prefers to fly. The railway will attach the carriage to the back of any train going anywhere to suit the whim of a well-heeled customer.

For the privilege of being attended by two butlers, enjoying the comfort of two salons, sleeping accommodation for four, a shower room, kitchen and television, not to mention the aura of power that goes with the carriage, the customer has to dip fairly deep into his pocket. The basic charge is 300 Deutsche marks (about £38), covering the cost of shifting the carriage from its base in Cologne to where the journey starts, to which is added the cost of 20 first-class rail tickets.

Similarly, the Swiss federal railways are now offering to hire out their "Red Arrow" trains. Because of the recession, ordinary freight and passenger business has fallen off and the railways are now willing to consider diverting resources into special services.

One of the two-car trains was used by Winston Churchill in 1946 for a trip between Berne and Zurich. At that time it ran badly behind schedule because he insisted on it slowing down at every station so that he could give the victory sign to the waiting crowds. It is not expected that private customers will want to emulate him, but then the customer is always right!



Hallowood

"It looks bad: the boss asked me this morning whether I'd ever thought of emigrating."

## Tourist toasts

Today'll be quite a day for John Marshall, of Fort Worth, Texas, who'll be taking over from James Hurst, of Atlanta, Georgia, as president of the International Association of Convention and Visitors' Bureaux. But he'll also be doing so at a mayoral reception at The Guildhall in the City of London, on the first occasion that the association's annual meeting has been held outside America.

Most of the 60 or so IACVB delegates represent the tourist bureaux of North American cities, although among the association's members are a few convention-minded European cities, notably Paris, Vienna—and London.

Marshall, his members and the whole London hotel, restaurant and convention trade have reason to be pleased as the toasts flow tonight.

The IACVB meeting is in itself a feather in London's cap and means that for the next few days the capital will be the centre of attraction in the convention world. Also, the meeting is taking place at a time when the trade is agog with rumours that the House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee may, after all, back down on a proposal that would have had made it harder for United States groups to hold conventions overseas.

There is speculation that a compromise may be reached on what is known as HR 1040, a Bill that would disallow Americans' right to set against tax the expense of such meetings which, as everybody knows, are often combined with a holiday.

When the American Society of Association Executives met in Montreux over the weekend, delegates were told that the House may now allow conventioneers to claim, based on written details of how many business sessions were involved.

With ASAE holding its first overseas conference—split between Paris and Montreux—over the last week, the Canadians' Institution of Association Executives in London earlier this month and now IACVB, it's clear that the will to come to Europe is there.

## Fighting ships

The bargees blocking ports in protest at a proposal to reduce the numbers of boats on Holland's inland waterways are a powerful, tightly knit, but rarely militant lot.

They seem to have learned their lesson in direct action from the lorry drivers who mounted a similar protest earlier this year, but the bargees can cripple Holland's trade much more quickly because more than eight tenths of goods transport is on the inland waterways.

The barges are far bigger than anything to be seen on a British canal. The bargee and his family live on board fore and aft with the same floor area as a standard semi-detached house.

It's a traditional industry, with the bargees investing large sums in their craft yet rarely managing to earn the sort of minimum wage an industrial employee might expect. As the families all live on board, the children go to what are just about the only boarding schools in the country.

INTERIM STATEMENT

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| | 6 months ended 30th June 1975 | 6 months ended 30th June 1974 | 12 months ended 31st Dec. 1974 |
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| | £000s | £000s | £000s |
| Turnover | 66,300 | 44,605 | 98,839 |
| Profit before Taxation | 1,802 | 1,769 | 4,108 |
| Profit after Taxation† | 865 | 804 | 1,911 |
| Earnings per ordinary share (basic) | 11.4p | 12.1p | 28.3p |
| Dividend per ordinary share | 3.5p | 2.48p | 5.84p |

†The charge for taxation for 1975 is estimated and based on Corporation Tax of 52%

*Additional points made by the Chairman, Mr. Oswald Davies, C.B.E., O.C.M., J.P.*

* The Group, excluding Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co. Ltd., has performed satisfactorily.
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# ermanning is one reason why the film ustry cannot find production finance

*Rod Allen*
Alan Sapper (August es the point when he the crisis in the Bri- industry is due to "the shortage of film pro- finance".
rse it is true that many al investors in film pro- have become reluctant more on motion pic- d that new sources of have not been found. if *Mr Sapper* cares ne the reasons for that e, he may find that hem is that films cost uch to produce in this n relation to the avail- rn.
lly, much of this is due eneral inflation which cted every element of production process, but it is due to the appal- inefficient demands n the producer by Mr unson in terms of man-

gh the new FPA/ACTT nt has eliminated the cal requirement that ple should be employed ress a single tape it is still impossible a feature film with fewer than 20 ACTT members and remain within the agreement.

In the United States, the film union, IATSE, has responded to the financial crisis in film production not merely by permitting shortcrewing where appropriate but by actually encouraging it in order to rebuild production activity. There is no sign whatever that the ACTT here is considering any application for *shortcrewing on the* basis of its long-term beneficial implications for revitalization of the industry.

The other major factor in the production crisis is the industry's inability to recognize television as its most important potential patron. Last year's distressing attempt on the part of the ACTT to prevent production of a British film series made for television (the "four-wall" crisis, which provoked a major split in ACTT membership) could literally have strangled what is left of the film industry by pricing most kinds of production out of existence. Film industry management is equally to blame for its absurd policy of refusing to sell feature pictures less than five years old to TV, but there is no evidence that the ACTT is opposed to *this* shortsighted and retrogressive attitude.

In the final analysis, production finance will be available if the consumer shows that he or she wishes to view films. The cinema hall is fast becoming a social anachronism, and is being replaced by television, which is merely an alternative means of distribution. The future of *the industry lies in producing* material for television distribution at realistically economical prices; and in its turn that means opening up an independent television production market, which is currently impossible because of the ACTT's effective opposition to casualization (which is a pejorative euphemism for freelance) in electronic production. There are many red herrings in the film production industry, and more of them are being enthusiastically pursued by the ACTT secretariat than by the directors of Bray Studios.
Yours faithfully,
ROD ALLEN, Editor, *Broadcast*,
111A Wardour Street,
London, W1.
August 24.

# f-employed and a case for VAT

*r D. Green*
m generally willing to and be counted, as Kelly of the National on of Self-Employed but I would prefer to r a valid cause. The and Excise have always respect of excise powers similar to nferred on them in re- f VAT by the 1972 Act. The only valid nt is that as a result of ore people now fall heir scope than used to ase.
has the commanding ge that, save for dis- (and that even is more detectable), it is vir- proof against avoidance asion. That of course t be welcome to those herto have not preferred me full members of the rs union; but it must welcome to those who ways attempted honour- meet their proper tax ments. Certainly the *expensive to collect* and for the taxable person; st charge, well within its of that recoverable sale of my skills, places tual cost of the time I on VAT accounting at 50. I am a single indi- and self-employed in the ense, which gives some measure of the vast secret costs surcharge being borne by industry, commerce and the professions overall. But if we are to have the tax I would hardly have thought it becoming that we should gripe over the use of well established Excise powers to make sure that it is paid.

There are plenty of other targets against which the National Federation might properly tilt. If they look at the succeeding price codes since the original Heath Government freeze of 1972, they will find, no doubt to their astonishment, that the self-employed, save in respect of generally permitted cost increases, have not legally been able to increase charges in respect of their own time—or scales of charges—since November 1972. As the Prices Board is continually lowering the turnover levels at which returns must be made (forming of course the basis for enforcement) this really ought to concern the self-employed who in *total isolation from the rest* of the community have had no right whatever to protect themselves against inflation.

They could also profitably do more work than they have on the *Class IV* National Insurance Surcharge—introduced by the Heath Government's 1972 National Insurance Act and enlarged recently by the present government to a levy of 8 per cent (not deductible for tax) on the profits of the self-employed between £1,600 and £3,600 per annum. The self-employed with profits of less than £5,000 per annum now pay more out of net income after tax for National Insurance than do the employed; yet they have no right to unemployment benefit, redundancy payment or other benefits of employment, and greatly inferior national pension rights.

The justification advanced in Parliament for this state of affairs—that an actuarial cost of the benefits enjoyed would be more than the self-employed pay—implied the dishonest proposition that the National Insurance system is currently being funded on an actuarial basis, and that the employed did, with the employers' contribution, meet the actuarial cost. In fact, both contributions and payments are on a means basis and are being met out of current revenue, inflation having destroyed any basis for actuarial funding.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
*Castle Morris*,
Nr Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.
August 20.

# land cuts er Italian unions

ohn Earle
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r Mario Toros, the labour minister, has or a reply within 24 om the management and nion representative at Innocenti to a proposal f in rotation, a third at he labour force during three months.
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Toros made this at a meeting which l late last night at the with union representa- id Mr Percy Plant, director of the Milan- eyland Innocenti. It n as a compromise the intention of the eyland parent to dis- ut 1,700 workers and s' refusal to admit any

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# Big openings for UK plastics in Germany

By Peter Hill
Britain's plastics industry could increase considerably its export of materials and processing machinery to West Germany, say the British Plastics Federation.

A detailed report* commissioned by the BPF and published yesterday highlighted the potential for the United Kingdom industry in the highly competitive West German market. The industry last year *sold some* £14m of materials to the German market together with a further £1.4m worth of machinery.

Federation officials, however, believe that determination by United Kingdom plastics companies and proper evaluation of the German market, could boost overall exports to West Germany by at least one-third over the next few years.

But for the export drive to succeed, the report noted, companies must develop every facet of commercial competence including the understanding of the market situation.

Among areas identified as holding particular potential for United Kingdom exports were special compounds and additives; consumer products—especially those associated with do-it-yourself and gardening—and trade moulding in highly specialized markets.

**The Potential for British Plastics in West Germany*, £15 to BPF members and £25 to non-members.

# Opec advisers complete detailed study

Vienna, Aug 26
Experts of the Price and Index Commission of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) ended a nine-day session today after doing *the spade work for next month's* extraordinary ministerial conference.

Details were not disclosed, but it was learnt from the Vienna-based Opec headquarters that the commission was concerned with oil revenues of the 13 member countries in hard figures: finding out how much actual purchasing power they had lost; and finding an index to a representative group of import goods which could be tied to the oil price after October 1.—AP-Dow Jones.

# Australian joint engine plan gains approval

Canberra, Aug 26.—A proposal by the Australian Government to enter into partnership with Nissan Motor Company, Toyota Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation to produce four cylinder auto engines was endorsed today by Parliament.

The project, estimated to cost $A100m (£60m), will be based *on* Chrysler's existing engine plant near Adelaide, south Australia. Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister, explained that the Government was encouraging the project because it believed Australians should be able to purchase four-cylinder cars made in Australia.—AP-Dow Jones.

# 50,000 spending to curb inflation

overnment yesterday a new phase, costing of its anti-inflation drive. It consists of a amphlet called *Attack on, a policy for sur-* ch will be distributed illion homes, starting week.
t of the pamphlet has e or less equally divi- en printing and paper st Office charges for n. Production of it one of the first activi- the Government's appointed Counter- Publicity Unit.
t is working with the Office of Information advertising agents assimi Pollitt on ad- nt bookings *which so* cost around £100,000. of the counter-infla- tisements appeared in ewspapers last week.
has been no overall tion fixed for adver- ch is being backed by public relations acti-

## Advertising & marketing

vity, according to a spokesman for the unit. Each step is taken after evaluating the outcome of the preceding one. Nevertheless, past experience of publicity campaigns on this scale indicates that the final bill is likely to run into several million pounds.

While no final decisions have been made, it is unlikely that there will be any further large-scale advertising campaigns until after the pamphlet's distribution has been completed towards the end of September. Its effectiveness will be researched and further advertising plans fixed accordingly.

Any plans for using broadcast advertisements could meet with special problems. The Television Act expressly forbids advertising "directed towards any political end". A spokesman for the Independent Broadcasting Authority said that any approach to use television for counter-inflation advertisements would have to be considered against the terms of the Act.

### Fall in US revenue

*Latest reports* from New York are that magazine advertisement earnings there have dropped by about 2 per cent during the first six months of 1975 compared with last year. The Publishers' Information Bureau reports a fall of $12.3m (over £5m) to $643.4m. The number of pages of advertising fell by 9 per cent during the same period.

Equivalent figures are not available for the United Kingdom, but recent circulation results show a drop in cover sales of all the big women's weekly magazines during the *January to June period.*

**Patricia Tisdall**

## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

# Early gains cut back in final hour

*The stock market was in good* form again yesterday, although early gains in leading shares were cut-back in late dealings when the uncertain trend on Wall Street was quickly reflected in London.

The City was taking an optimistic view of prospects for the Government's anti-inflation policies and the international outlook was brightened by the progess towards an Israeli-Egyptian settlement of the Sinai problem.

Institutional buyers appeared in many sections of the equity *market. But shortage of stock* remained an important factor and share prices dropped back sharply when the buyers with-

*Shares in Distillers closed 6p up at 117p (after 119p) yesterday. The market has become more favourable towards the shares since publication last week of the annual report. In the aftermath of disappointing results, the shares dipped to 104p and are regarded as a good recovery prospect.*

drew. *At 3.30 pm, the FT* index stood at 323.9. The late fall took it back to 319.6, a net gain of 3.8.

Gilts were very quiet and seemed little moved by the advance in equities. Both "shorts" and "longs" were mostly unchanged or 1-16 point harder. The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 11¼ per cent.

The equity market opened the day strongly, with share prices still pushed ahead by Friday's impetus. Banks, insurance and property shares were again to the fore, although most of the industrial leaders also moved up.

The first hour saw the market up by nearly five points on *the FT scale, as the institutions* bought stock in a difficult market. Later, some profit-taking was absorbed without difficulty and share prices forged ahead once more. But buying pressure soon eased and share prices were vulnerable to the change of mood which came in late dealings, when Wall Street failed to produce the further upturn expected in London.

Turnover was fairly good yesterday, dealers reported. A low level of marked bargains—only 4,797—tends to confirm that the institutions were in the market. *But the amplified turnover statistics* for Friday disclose a money total of only £55.7m, which is well below bull market totals.

Oil shares moved up sharply during the day, in response to the improvement in Middle East peace hopes which had already been reflected on Wall Street. In the case of BP shares, which touched 537p at one time, the mood was helped by an investment circular from a major stockbroker.

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Turnover was fairly good yesterday, dealers reported. A low level of marked bargains—only 4,797—tends to confirm that the institutions were in the market. *But the amplified turnover statistics* for Friday disclose a money total of only £55.7m, which is well below bull market totals.

Oil shares moved up sharply during the day, in response to the improvement in Middle East peace hopes which had already been reflected on Wall Street. In the case of BP shares, which touched 537p at one time, the mood was helped by an investment circular from a major stockbroker.

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*expected to show benefits from* the higher cement prices allowed in November, put on 6p to 152p. And, also on the contractor pitch, shares in R. Costain were 10p up at 182p on reports of a substantial order from Iran.

But the consumer section remained somewhat overshadowed by last week's disclosure that retail sales are falling off. Marks & Spencer (107p), Boots (117p) and British Home Stores (305p) lagged behind the market. House of Fraser edged forward to 73p in the wake of *the interim report.*

Other features included Nairn & Williamson (84p)—19p higher on talks with Low & Bonar, themselves easier at 150p. Ladbroke Group, 7p up at 155p in spite of reports that a staff dispute has cost the firm £4m.

Bank shares surged ahead at first, although buyers are a little cautious on this pitch because it is widely thought that the banks will take the opportunity of a stronger market to announce rights issues.

Thus early gains were cut back. Barclays closed 5p up at 270p, after 272p, with Lloyds (222p) and the other leading banks following similar patterns.

Widespread gains in insurance *issues included Royal*, 6p up at 302p and General Accident 7p higher at 158p.

Gold-mining shares had a slack session, as investment interest switched to the industrials. Lack of support left share prices to drift down. By the end of the day, losses in FS Gebuld (£29½), President Brand (£24) and many others, ranged from ? ? ? to 25p or so. But there were gains for some mining shares, notably Lonrho, which put on 8p to 124p on the hope

*Mr Trevor Trefgarne and family have paid £200,000 (100p a share) for 20 per cent of poration. He wants a place on Nigerian Electricity Supply Corthe board for himself and possibly one other. The news came too late for the market, where the shares were 23p up at 125p.*

of a political settlement between *Rhodesia and the rest of its* African neighbours.

Equity turnover on Friday was worth £55.7m (11,837 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, ICI, Shell, Distillers, Hanson Trsc new, Barclays Bk, Midland Bk, Lonrho, P & O deftd, Royal Ins and BP.

### Latest dividends

| Company (and par values) | Ord div | Year ago | Pay date | Year's total | Prev year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Centre Hotels (10p) Fin | 0.69 | 0.66 | — | 1.09 | 1.04 |
| Country & District (10p) | 0.1 | 1.35 | 31 10 | 0.1 | 1.35 |
| Leonard Fairclough (25p) Int | 3.5 | 2.48 | 31 12 | — | 3.54 |
| House of Fraser (25p) Int | 1.37 | 1.25 | 11 12 | — | 3.63 |
| J'burg Cons (R2) Fin | 125* | 100* | — | 165* | 135* |
| M.L. Holdings (25p) Fin | 2.13 | 1.93 | 7 10 | 3.15 | 2.95 |
| W. N. Sharpe (25p) Int | 1.18 | 1.10 | 26 10 | — | 2.55 |
| John C. Small (25p) Int | 1 | 1.13† | 14 10 | — | 2.32† |
| Trident T.V. (10p) Int | 0.64 | 0.64 | — | — | 2.65 |
| Weir Group (25p) Int | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2 1 | — | 3.85 |

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted for scrip. * Cents a share.

# Tariff rise for Centre Hotels

One group able to report profits *from hotel operations* is Centre Hotels (Cranston). Despite much heavier costs in the year to March 31, pre-tax profits came out at £766,000 against £1.22m on turnover up nearly £1.5m to £12.87m.

After a much lower tax charge reflecting capital allowances net profits fell 21 per cent to £748,000. But the total dividend, 1.68p against 1.52p gross, is covered more than 4.2 times.

The recent tariff increase which came into force earlier this month should help to restore margins, and in general the outlook is "promising". The Glasgow and Amsterdam hotels are in business, while the improvements at the recently acquired Birmingham and Leicester hotels are almost complete.

### M L Holdings slows as *inflation bites*

The growth of the ML Holdings engineering group slowed over the year to March 31, and Mr Eric Mobbs, the chairman, says that prospects must rest with the Government success in curbing inflation.

Pre-tax profits were again a record at £506,000, against £437,500, but while interim profits rose 20 per cent to £243,000, growth in the second half was only 12 per cent to £263,000. The dividend rises from 4.4p to 4.79p.

### Alexanders ahead

The pre-tax profits of Alexanders Holdings, the Ford, Chrysler and British Leyland main dealer, rose from £35,000 to £45,000 in the half-year to March 31. Group turnover climbed from £6.7m to £8.4m and earnings a share increased from 0.08p to 0.09p. Mr Kenneth France, chairman of the Scottish-based company, said the three Scottish main leaderships contributed record profits but dealerships in England suffered from recession.

### W Sharpe needs Christmas tonic

Down slightly after six months, greeting cards group W. N. Sharpe's full-time results will be greatly influenced by *the Christmas season. Not surprisingly* the board builds no extravagant hopes.

Meanwhile there are signs that the rate of cost increase is slowing down.

For the half year to June 30 turnover rose from £2.75m to £3.17m, but pre-tax profits fell from £830,000 to £794,000 and the net profit from £413,000 to £403,000. The interim dividend goes up from 1.65p to 1.82p gross.

In the preceding 12 months, pre-tax profits were only £1.61m against £1.6m on turnover 16 *per cent higher thanks to a* second half drop.

### County & Dist fall

County & District Properties *has cut the dividend from 2p* to 0.15p gross for the year to March 31. Profits available for distribution, and before tax, are down from a record £400,000 to £216,000, after a transfer from capital reserves of £2.1m, against £1.06m. Gross receipts from dealing fell from £333,000 to £81,000.

### Johnnies' cautious final dividend

Pre-tax profits at Johannesburg Consolidated Investment rose by 50 per cent to R37.9m in the year to the end of June after a near doubling at the interim stage. Investment income rose slighly to R26.1m, while the net surplus from selling investments brought in R3.78m against R55,000. Trading profit rose 115 per cent from R7.15m to R15.4m.

However, net interest payments rose to R4.52m, an increase of 40 per cent, with long and medium term loans more than doubling from R32.4m to R79m due to increased borrowings of some subsidiaries for the establishmeit of new mines and the raising of a $37m medium term loan in the Eurodollar market. A final dividend of 125c, as against 100c, has *been declared, making a total* of 165c a share for the year compared with 135c. Net assets are stated to have increased from R209m to R282m.

### Black-Clawson profit

Back into profit after six months, Black-Clawson International, which is 95 per cent United States controlled, kept up the good work for the rest of last year. The full year's outcome for this paper mill machinery maker was a net profit of £315,000 against a loss of £272,000. However, there is again no dividend.

## Reports

### Redeployment at Crown House

In his annual statement, Crown House chairman, Mr Patrick Edge-Partington lists the steps the group has taken to strengthen itself.

*National Westminster has* increased its medium-term loan from £2m to £3m and extended the repayment date. Stock relief has cut tax liabilities by £868,000, and property sales worth £1.4m have been completed since the year-end.

Crown House Engineering will become less dependent on United Kingdom contracting and it will build up an overseas order book. This stood at a record £63m at March 31, and good figures are again expected from South Africa. A much better outcome is also likely from the home glass side after the resolution of technical problems.

### Sunley revaluation

Bernard Sunley's accounts for the year to end-March show that the value of properties has increased from £68m to £89.3m after a professional revaluation which shared a £14.5m surplus. Additions of £5.37m have lifted the value of properties held for, or in course of development, to £11.8m. Net borrowings have increased from £45.9m to £53.5m.

### Associated Tooling

An increase in group turnover from £1.27m to £2.03m for the year to February 28 was mainly due to a maiden contribution from Tring Engineering. Mr Anthony Pratt, chairman of Associated Tooling Industries, said in his annual statement to shareholders. But Tring was hit by a sudden drop of demand from the cosmetics industry. This led to production cutbacks and redundancies. *The chair*man views the future with cautious optimism.

**HUME HOLDINGS**
Hume Holdings has completed the sale of its 46.9 per cent stake in Hothlyn Corporation and has received £3m.

*SLATER, WALKER TRUST*
Certificate holders of Slater, Walker Provident Investors Trust have passed a resolution to extend trust period until March 1, 1977 by a big majority. Dealings have been resumed.

**ANSTON HOLDINGS**
Mr R. Pascoe, chairman of this property group, reports a good start to current year. He says that if this continues a satisfactory increase in profits for year is likely.

**ECGD backs £20m loans**
Export Credits Guarantee Dept has backed an £11.2m loan by Midland Bank to Shell Canada *to help finance contract with* Foster Wheeler (GB) for petrochemical facilities in Ontario. It also guarantees £9.4m by the National Westminster to *All-Nippon Airways Co for a con*tract to Rolls Royce (1971) for engines and spares.

**VANTONA HOLDS OUT**
Vantona's board stresses that it has not accepted Spirella's offer and recommends *shareholders* to reject it. The board will post a further letter to shareholders today.

**INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS**
Pre-tax profit for six months to June 30, *£259,500* (£280,000), on turnover of £5.9m (£5.18m).

**COWAN, DE GROOT**
Group's finances have been strengthened and board is in "excellent position to make additional acquisitions", chairman says. Last year group exceeded its permitted margin rates, and this must now be rectified.

Business appointments

# Two new directors join Bernard Wardle board

Mr S. Huizink and Mr A. E. Roberts have joined the board of *Bernard Wardle.*
Mr John Lewis has joined the board of Argos Distributors as merchandise director.
Mr David Fisher, marketing director of the House of Seagram, has been appointed a director with responsibility for marketing.
After Mr G. A. H. Rattray's announcement that he intends to retire from the board, Mr D. W. A. Macdonald has been made chairman and managing director of Macdonald Martin Distilleries. Mr R. D. Buchanan has been appointed to the board.
Mr Robert Mackilligin has been made director of Bisichi Tin
Mr George Demetriou has become marketing director of *Oyez Stationery, a member of the* Solicitors' Law Stationery Society group.
Mr C. F. Cooper has been appointed managing director of FPT Industries, a company of the Westland Group. Mr W. F. Locke has retired as managing director but remains a non-executive member of the board.
Mr Robert Tomkinson has been appointed a director of Scrimgeour Hardcastle.
Mr G. T. Moss has been made managing director of T. & A. Naylor. Mr J. W. Draper, Mr R. R. Jackson and Mr E. B. Thomson join the board.
Mr Malcolm Welch has joined the board of LB (Plastics) as works director.
Mr G. H. Oxley has become a director of Pickford Dawson & Holland, Lloyd's insurance brokers.
Mr John Farndell, has been appointed a regional director of Lonsdale and Bartholomew.


WEIR

THE WEIR GROUP LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

Results for 26 weeks ended 27th June, 1975
Subject to Audit

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

| | 26 weeks to 27th June, 1975 £'000s | 25 weeks to 21st June 1974 £'000s | 52 weeks to 27th Dec., 1974 £'000s |
|---|---|---|---|
| TURNOVER | | | |
| The Group (excl. Building Division) | 48.104 | 34.413 | 79.147 |
| Building Division | — | 7.209 | 10.003 |
| PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX | | | |
| The Group | 4,518 | 2,660 | 6.653 |
| Associated Companies | 274 | 254 | 581 |
| Building Division | — | (145) | (740) |
| | 4.792 | 2.769 | 6.524 |
| Interest payable less receivable | 1,715 | 1.592 | 3,500 |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAX | 3,077 | 1,177 | 3.024 |
| Estimated Tax | 1,365 | 545 | 1,797 |
| PROFIT AFTER TAX | 1,712 | 632 | 1.227 |
| Profit Attributable to Minority Interests | 126 | 45 | 173 |
| PROFIT BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS | 1.586 | 587 | 1.054 |
| Deduct Extraordinary Items | 463 | 228 | 788 |
| PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE WEIR GROUP LTD. | 1.123 | 359 | 266 |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE | 8.8p | 3.3p | 5.8p |

INTERIM DIVIDEND
An interim dividend of 1.4p per share (1974 : 1.4p) will be paid to Shareholders for the 53 weeks ending 2nd January, 1976. Payment, absorbing £252,000, will be *made on 8th January, 1976 to Members on the Register at close of business* on 8th December, 1975.

TRADING AND PROSPECTS
The results of the Group for the first half of 1975 show a welcome improvement over the comparable period last year. In making this comparison, however, it should be borne in mind that the results in early 1974 were adversely affected by the 3-day week and other difficulties.

Invoiced sales were 40% higher than in the first 6 months of 1974 and profit before tax was slightly higher than that earned in the whole of 1974.

The level of new orders booked has held up remarkably well in the face of the general world-wide recession. Sales of certain product lines, notably hydraulic seals, have however fallen to a very low level and as yet show little sign of recovery. On the other hand, the Group has recently had a notable success in gaining orders in the Gulf for over £30m worth of desalination plant.

In these days it is extremely difficult to hazard any forecasts and in the longer *term the main influence on the Company's* prospects will be the success or failure of the Government's counter-inflation policy.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group's performance in the second half of 1975 should be at much the same level as in the first half.

WEIR

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# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## Issues & Loans

### Two successful rights offers

Two of the smaller equity rights issues made recently have succeeded. Crossley Building Products' 1.55m shares at 41p drew acceptances of 76.4 per cent. The balance has been sold at a premium over the issue price equal to 1½p a share. Over 89 per cent of the Morgan Edwards rights to 468,572 ordinary shares was taken up; the odd 50,433 shares, were sold in the market at a premium.

### AE & CI debenture placing success

AE & CI, about 80 per cent owned by De Beers Consolidated Mines and Imperial Chemical Industries, announced its R45m unsecured private debenture issue has been successfully placed. Both De Beers and ICI have waived participation, and the maximum number of additional debentures to be taken up is about 30,000, increasing the issue by a further R3m.—Reuter.

### Local authorities

The coupon on this week's crop of local authority issues is 11½ per cent gain. The following are raising £1m or more: Ealing, Hounslow, Inverclyde, Leicester and Wirral (£1m apiece), while Lancashire is raising £2m.

**$40M DSM OFFER**

DSM, a Dutch concern engaged in fertilizers, chemicals, plastics and natural gas, proposes to offer through underwriting syndicate managers Morgan et Cie $40m of notes, 1980, with projected coupon of 9½ per cent.

## Overseas

### Accord on Dutch bank link-up

Full agreement has been reached for the proposed link (originally announced on July 29) between Algemene Bank Nederland, one of Holland's leading banks, and Mees en Hope Groep (which is 20 per cent-owned by Morgan Guaranty Trust). ABN has a balance-sheet total of some £6,131m, and the much smaller Mees en Hope about £965m.

The terms are an exchange of Mees en Hope shares or depositary receipts partly for ABN ordinary and partly convertible debentures. Meanwhile De Nederlandsche Bank NV has been asked to grant its approval.

### Oude Meester-S.A.Dist

Terms for the Oude Meester group to buy South African Distilleries & Wines have been agreed. Ordinary shareholders will receive 12 shares in OM for every one SAD stock unit. Preference holders will receive R1.50 for every 7½ per cent unit in SAD.

Oude Meester already holds 51 per cent of SAD's equity. Acceptance of the offer would increase the dividend to SAD shareholders by 45 per cent, while the terms are 32 per cent above the pre-bid price of 45c a share.

### FW Woolworth boost

Excluding earnings from its United Kingdom subsidiary, the income of all other companies of F. W. Woolworth more than doubled in the second quarter of 1975. On sales up from $1,010.5m to $1,109.9m, net profits jumped from $11.49m to $19.1m, and from 38 to 63c a share. All of its foreign companies reported similar gains. For the six months to July 31, net profits rose from $20.27m to $21.67m.—Reuter.

### Borel-Sofitel

Jacques Borel International SA confirmed in Paris that it is negotiating with the Sofitel hotel group for a financial and Commercial tie-up to form France's largest luxury hotel group.

Informed sources said Borel plans to offer one share for 10 Sofitel shares. Borel was last quoted at 555 francs (about £60) and Sofitel, suspended on July 30, at 34 francs.

## Bank Base Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| Barclays Bank .. | 10% |
| C. Hoare & Co .. | *10% |
| Lloyds Bank .... | 10% |
| Midland Bank .... | 10% |
| Nat Westminster .. | 10% |
| Shenley Trust .... | 11½% |
| 20th Century Bank | 11½% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 10% |

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 7%, over £25,000, 7½%.


**WITBANK COLLIERY LIMITED**

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DIVIDEND NO. 138

Further to the notice advertised in the press on 12th August, 1975 the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of Dividend No 138 is £1=R1.510005 equivalent to 7.6158op per share

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 15 per cent.

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25th August, 1975.


## Foreign Exchange

The early strength of the dollar on the foreign exchanges yesterday evaporated in the wake of the United States July trade figures which failed to measure up to the market's high expectations. Sterling at one stage fell to $2.0990 against the dollar, but later rebounded to reach $2.1125, before closing at $2.1095, with a net gain of 30 points compared with the pre-weekend closing level. Continental currencies also rebounded against the dollar after publication of the United States trade figures.

However, sterling did better than most other European currencies and its "floating devaluation rate" improved to 27.7 per cent from 27.9 per cent on Friday. Dealers reported strong commercial interest in the pound. They also suggested that optimism regarding the outcome of the miners' ballot on the Government's pay policy was helping to underpin sterling.

### Spot Position of Sterling

| | Market rates (day's range) August 26 | Market rates (close) August 26 |
|---|---|---|
| New York | $2.0990-1125 | $2.1090-1100 |
| Montreal | $2.1700-1850 | $2.1830-1880 |
| Amsterdam | 5.54-58fl | 5.54½-55½fl |
| Brussels | 80.60-90f | 80.85-95f |
| Copenhagen | 12.58-63k | 12.59½-60½k |
| Frankfurt | 5.42-45m | 5.43½-43½m |
| Lisbon | 56.65-56.25e | 55.90-56.10e |
| Madrid | 122.65-123.25p | 122.95-123.15p |
| Milan | 1404-11lr | 1408-10lr |
| Oslo | 11.53½-60½k | 11.53½-54½k |
| Paris | 9.22-25½f | 9.23-24f |
| Stockholm | 9.15-18k | 9.16-17k |
| Tokyo | 628-31y | 627½-29½y |
| Vienna | 38.00-30sch | 38.25-35sch |
| Zurich | 5.63-66f | 5.64½-65½f |

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 down 0.2 to 27.7 per cent.

### Forward Levels

| | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|
| New York | .57-.57c prem | 1.47-1.37c prem |
| Montreal | 40-30c prem | 1.05-.95c prem |
| Amsterdam | 3¼-2¼c prem | 9¼-8¼c prem |
| Brussels | 35-15c prem | 85-65c prem |
| Copenhagen | 8-5ore prem | 13½-10½ore prem |
| Frankfurt | 3¼-2¾pf prem | 10¼-9¼pf prem |
| Lisbon | 40c prem-30c disc | 80c prem-40c disc |
| Milan | 1½-3½lr disc | 7-8lr disc |
| Oslo | 5-3ore prem | 13-11ore prem |
| Paris | 2½-1½c prem | 9½-7½c prem |
| Stockholm | 3½-2½ore prem | 7-4ore prem |
| Vienna | 40gro prem-par | 70-40gro prem |
| Zurich | 4¼-3¼c prem | 11¼-10¼c prem |

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9657-60.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6-6½; seven days, 6½-6¾, one month, 6¾-7; three months, 7½-8, six months, 8¼-8½.

### Gold

Gold fixed: am, $162.00 (an ounce); pm, $161.85.

Krugerrand (per coin): $168½-169½ (£79½-80½) (domestic); $166-168 (£78½-79½) (international). Sovereigns: (old), $49½-50½ (£23½-23½), (new), $49½-50½ (£23½-23½) (international).

### Discount market

As widely expected, there was a severe shortage of credit in the discount market yesterday and the authorities came to the assistance of the houses by buying an exceptionally large amount of Treasury bills and corporation bills from the banks and from the houses.

Rates for day-to-day money remained high throughout. An opening rate of 10½ to 10 per cent was held and occasionally exceeded until the late afternoon, when some money was reported to have been taken down to 9½ per cent, although the general level remained in the 10 per cent region.

### Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼% (Last changed 25/7/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 10½ Close 9½
Week Fixed 9¾-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

| Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 10½ | 2 months | 10⅜ |
| 3 months | 10½ | 3 months | 10⁵⁄₃₂ |

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 10⅜-10⁵⁄₁₆ | 3 months | 11 |
| 3 months | 10⅜-10¼ | 4 months | 11¼ |
| 4 months | 10⅜-10¼ | 6 months | 11½ |
| 6 months | 10½-10⅜ | | |

Local Authority Bonds

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 11-10½ | 7 months | 11¼-10¾ |
| 2 months | 11-10½ | 8 months | 11¼-10¾ |
| 3 months | 11-10½ | 9 months | 11½-11 |
| 4 months | 11¼-10¾ | 10 months | 11½-11 |
| 5 months | 11¼-10¾ | 11 months | 11½-11 |
| 6 months | 11¼-10¾ | 12 months | 11¾-11¼ |

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 10⅜-10¼ | 6 months | 10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆ |
| 3 months | 10⅝-10½ | 12 months | 11⅛-11¼ |

Local Authority Market (%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 days | 10 | 3 months | 10½ |
| 7 days | 10-10¼ | 6 months | 10¾ |
| 1 month | 10¼ | 1 year | 11½-11¼ |

Interbank Market (%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Overnight: Open | 10¼-10 | Close | 10¼-10 |
| 1 week | 10¼-10 | 6 months | 11-10¾ |
| 1 month | 10⅜-10¼ | 9 months | 11¼-11⅛ |
| 3 months | 10⅝-10½ | 12 months | 11½-11⅜ |

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 months | 11 | 6 months | 11½ |

Finance House Base Rate 10%

### Recent Issues

| | Closing price |
|---|---|
| Barnet 13½% 1980 (£100b) | £10¾ |
| Do 14% 1984-85 (£100b) | £10¾ |
| Bristol Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b) | £9½ |
| Cambridge Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b) | £9½ |
| Derby 13½% 1982 (£98½b) | £10 |
| Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord | 196+1 |
| Land Secs 10% Cnv (£100) | £31½+1½ |
| Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (55) | 50 |
| Liverpool 13½% 1981 (£98½b) | £10¾ |
| Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100) | £182 |
| Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£) | £9½ |
| Prop Hldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£100) | £94+5 |
| Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b) | £9¾ |
| Whitbread 11% Cnv | £104+3 |

| RIGHTS ISSUES | Latest date of renun | |
|---|---|---|
| Bk Leumi Is (£1 25) | Oct 2 | 5½ prem |
| Brit Car Auctn (10) | .. | 16 prem |
| Chubb (66) | Oct 3 | 16½prem+2 |
| Crellon (23) | Sept 26 | ½ prem |
| Howard Mach (25) | Oct 3 | 8prem+1 |
| Normand Elec (25) | .. | 3 prem |
| Woodhouse Rixson (12) | .. | 9 prem+½ |

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £65 paid. f £50 paid. g £40 paid. h £25 paid. j £40 paid.


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| 1974-75 High | Low | Company | Last Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div(p) | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 35 | Armitage & Rhodes | 36 | — | 3.0 | 8.3 | 4.0 |
| 95 | 94 | Deborah Services | 95 | +1 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 5.0 |
| 126 | 90 | Henry Sykes | 121 | — | 4.9 | 4.1 | 8.1 |
| 61 | 25 | Twinlock Ord | 25 | — | 0.9 | 3.7 | 6.1 |
| 65 | 45 | Twinlock 12% ULS | 62 | −1 | 12.0 | 19.4 | — |
| 56 | 48 | Unilock Holdings | 56 | — | 4.5 | 8.0 | 10.8 |


## Commodities

### Tin price drops £41 as stocks rise

TIN prices lost £41.50 for standard cash and £32 for three months in a market discouraged by a drop of $M11.625 in the Penang price over the holiday weekend. The increase of 405 tonnes to 5,860 in stocks was larger than expected and some lending of cash exerted further pressure.

Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3155-57 a metric ton; three months, £3224-27. Sales, 220 tons (mainly carries). High grade, Cash, £3155-57; three months, £3224-27. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3165-70; three months, £3230-35. Settlement, £3170. Sales, 360 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3165-70; three months, £3230-35. Settlement, £3170. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M988.375 a picul.

COPPER: A larger than expected rise in stocks in London Metal Exchange warehouses at the end of last week—14,600 tonnes up, to 378,300 tonnes—caused a loss of early firmness and wire bars closed virtually unchanged on Friday.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £625.50-26.00 a metric ton; three months, £649-49.50. Sales, 1,960 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £611-13; three months, £634-36. Sales, 1,000 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £623.50-24.00; three months, £647.50-48.00. Settlement, £624. Sales, 7,575 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £608.50-09.00. Settlement, £632.50-33.00. Sales, 1,425 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC: The rise in stocks—2,075 tonnes to 26,000—was much as expected and both cash and three months closed £5 up on Friday.—Afternoon.—Cash, £357-57.50 a metric ton; three months, £370-70.50. Sales, 5,175 tons (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, £352.50-53.00; three months, £366-67. Settlement, £353. Sales, 2,100 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 50p up at £81.10 ($171) a troy ounce.

SILVER was quiet and prices dropped after the bullion fix. Stocks were unchanged at 16,830,000 troy ounces.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 230.50p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 484.4); three months, 237.50p (498.2c); six months, 245.30p (507.7c); one-year, 261.60p (532.6c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 229-29.5p; three months, 236.5-36.7p; seven months, 246.5-47.5p. Sales, 62 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 230-30.5p; three months, 237.5-37.5p; seven months, 248-48.5p. Settlement, 230.5. Sales, 22 lots.

LEAD: LME stock were 725 tonnes up to 66,525 tonnes and prices retreated under moderate profit taking and liquidation. Cash closed £1.50 down on Friday and three months dropped £10.—Afternoon.—Cash, £185-85.50 a metric ton; three months, £193.75-94.00. Sales, 850 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £183.50-84.00; three months, £192-93. Settlement, £184. Sales, 3,325 tons (about half carries).

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Aug-Sept, £195; Bangladesh white "D" grade, Aug-Sept, £188 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, Aug-Oct, Rs460; Dundee Daisee, Aug-Oct, Rs430 per bale of 400lbs.

WOOL.—Greasy futures closed steady.—Oct, 163.0-65.0p per kilo; Dec, 164.0-67.0p; March, 173.2-74.0p; May, 175.2-78.0p; July, 178.0-81.0p; Oct, 186.0-88.0p; Dec, 189.0-93.0p; March, 193.0-96.0p. Sales: Seven lots.

RUBBER closed steadier.—Oct, 36.10-37.50p per kilo; Nov, 37.00-38.00p; Oct-Dec, 37.50-37.75p; Jan-March, 38.30-38.40p; April-June, 39.40-39.50p; July-Sept, 40.45-40.50p; Oct-Dec, 41.35-41.45p; Jan-March, 42.05-42.50p; April-June, 42.25-42.70p. Sales: 48 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were inactive.—Spot: 35.50-37.50p per kilo; Cif's: Oct, 32.50-33.00p; Nov, 33.25-34.00p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 29.0-32.0p per lb; *Scotch killed sides, 33.0p; English hindquarters heavy, 37.0-39.0p; Eire hindquarters, 37.0-39.0p; Eire forequarters, 20.0-21.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 36.0-42.0p; *English fats, 44.0p; English bobbies, 10.0-12.0p; Scotch bobbies, 6.0-9.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 62.0-65.0p.

LAMB: English smalls, 28.0-34.0p; English medium, 28.0-32.0p; English heavy, 28.0-30.0p; Scotch medium, 28.0-32.0p; Scotch heavy, 25.0-30.0p; Scotch hill 26.0-34.0p.

Imported frozen: NZD's, 29.0-29.5p; NZP's, 28.0-28.5p; NZS's, 26.0-27.0p; NZYL's, 26.5-26.0p.

EWES: 10.0-11.0p.

PORK: English, under 100 lbs, 28.0-33.0p; English, 100-120lbs, 27.0-32.0p; English, 120-160lbs, 26.0-30.0p; English, 160-180lbs, 25.0-28.0p; English, 180lbs and over, 23.0-26.5p.

*Special quotation—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robusta terminal continued quiet and drifted lower during the afternoon with business mainly involving long liquidation. The close was about steady, with prices from £14 to £2½ down on balance in sales of 1,209 lots. Arabicas were 10 to 85 points down in sales of six lots.

ROBUSTAS.—Sept, £756.0-7.0 per metric ton; Nov, £766.0-7.0; Jan, £775.0-6.0; March, £780.0-1.0; May, £782.0-5.0; July, £785.0-7.0; Sept, £790.0-2.0. Sales, 1,209 lots, including five options.

ARABICAS.—Aug, $93.10-95.70 per 50 kilos; Oct, $92.70-94.00; Dec, $95.90-94.40; Feb, $93.50-95.00; April, $97.50-95.25; June, $94.00-93.50; Aug, $94.50-96.00. Sales, six lots.

COCOA futures turned easier in the afternoon and closed at newly-established "lows" for the day. Previous gains were finally replaced by losses ranging from £12.00 to £3.00 per tonne. Dealers attributed the downturn to light liquidation, with irregularity in New York a further factor.

Sept, £573.0-77.0 per metric ton; New Dec, £549.0-50.0; March, £543.0-44.0; May, £539.0-40.0; July, £537.0-39.5; Sept, £537.0-0.40; Dec, £537.0-45.0. Sales, 1,384 lots, including three options. ICO prices, daily, 50.26c; 15-day average, 54.26c; 22-day, 54.96c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR.—Terminal closed easier at the "lows" of the day. Values were from £1.00 down to £9.50 up on Friday's close. Lots traded totalled 2,734. Prices held steady initially, but drifted lower in light trading ahead of today's tenders by Tunisia and Libya.

The London daily prices for "Raws" and "Whites" were unchanged at £200 and £219 respectively.—Oct, £195.50-94.00 per long ton; Dec, £191.00-91.50; March, £186.75-87.00; May, £182.50-83.50; Aug, £181.00-82.00; Oct, £178.00-80.00; Dec, £177.00-81.00. Sales: 2,734 lots. ISA prices, 17.18c; 17-day average, 18.98c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was barely steady.—Oct, £89.30-89.60 per metric ton; Dec, £90.40-90.60; Feb, £92.40-92.60; April, £93.40-93.80; June, £94.50-94.00; Aug, £95.20-95.70; Oct, £95.80-96.60. Sales: 40 lots.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).— EEC origin. BARLEY steady.—Sept, £62.25; Nov, £64.50; Jan, £66.25; March, £67.60; May, £69.15.—WHEAT, steady.—Sept, £63.70; Nov, £66.35; Jan, £68.30; March, £69.85; May, £70.95.—All a long ton.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Fresh interest for imported grains was very slow to develop following the holiday and all sections were subdued at about previous offering levels. Optional maize attracted a limited enquiry for Sept transhipment to the east coast United Kingdom.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring number two 14 per cent Nov, £102.50; Dec, £103.40 direct shipment Tilbury sellers. E.E.C. feed Sept, £65.25 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 Yellow American-French Aug, £69.75; Sept, and Oct, £70.25; Nov, £70.50; Dec, £71.00 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—E.E.C. feed Sept, £65.25; Oct, £65.00 east coast.—All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

## Wall Street

New York, Aug 26.—On the New York Stock Exchange today, shares edged higher at the opening, but did an "about-face" after about an hour and were in fairly broad retreat near the half-way mark. At 1 pm, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 7.19 points lower at 805.15.

Initial strength was described as mostly a "carryover" from the market gains of the previous two sessions. However, analysts said some traders apparently were disappointed by the failure of the advance to attract much volume. Twice as many issues declined as advanced. Turnover was light, amounting to less than six million shares.

Yesterday, the Dow Jones industrial average advanced 7.58 points to 812.34.

Volume totalled 11,250,000 shares compared with 13,050,000 on Friday.

Brokers said some bargain hunting after heavy mid-week losses last week was encouraged by reports of progress toward a new Mid-East peace agreement.

### Silver closes 3.6c up

New York, Aug 25.—SILVER futures see-sawed unevenly to close around the middle of the day's range at 3.60 to 2.80 cents higher. August, 487.70c; Sept, 488.30c; Oct, 492.90c; Dec, 502.20c; Jan, 506.70c; March, 516.00c; May, 524.50c; July, 532.90c; Sept, 541.20c; Dec, 553.80c. Handy and Harman $485 (previous $483.50). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.015 (previous Can$5.009).

GOLD. Futures closed lower in very quiet trading. The New York Comex was 10 to 30 cents higher, and the Chicago IMM was unchanged to 20 cents firmer. NY COMEX. August, $161.90; Sept, $162.20; Oct, $163.50; Dec, $166.00; Feb, $169.00; April, $172.00; June, $175.10; August, $178.20; Oct, $181.30; Dec, $184.30. CHICAGO IMM. Sept, $162.20; Dec, $166.00-166.10; March, $170.50; June, $175.10 asked; Sept $179.90 asked; Dec, $185.20.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 10 and 40 points up on 1,998 lots. Aug, 61.10c; Sept, 61.20c; Oct, 61.80c; Dec, 63.30c; Jan, 63.90c; March, 65.10c; May, 66.20c; July, 67.30c; Sept, 68.40c.

COTTON.—Futures closed with sizable advances of about 0.82 to 0.90 cent on an estimated 1,750 contracts. Oct, 52.80-82c; Dec, 53.18-20c; March, 53.95c; May, 54.45-60c; July, 54.85c bid; Oct, 55.10c bid; Dec, 55.60c.

SUGAR.—World sugar futures in No 11 contract moved as much as 0.50 cent higher in a late rally. Sept, 17.55-65c; Oct, 16.90-7.05c; Jan, 16.70c nominal; March, 16.20-40c; May, 15.90-6.04c; July, 15.89c nominal; Sept, 15.79c nominal; Oct, 15.75c nominal. Spot, 17.25c, up 15.

COCOA.—Futures recovered smartly from an apparently oversold condition to close 1.10 to 0.60 cents higher. Sept, 56.05c; Dec, 50.85c; March, 48.60c; May, 47.70c; July, 47.15c; Sept, 46.65c; Dec, 49.95c. Spots, Ghana 57c nominal, Bahia 57¼c nominal.

COFFEE.—The physical market turned slightly easier as the futures "C" contract moved lower. Sept, 82.10c; Nov, 83.95c nominal; Dec, 83.95c nominal; March, 83.50-40c; May, 84.10c nominal; July, 84.40c nominal.

WOOL.—Fine wool futures closed unchanged to 0.15 cent down, on an estimated four sales. Crossbreds were unsold, with closing prices 0.15 cent up to 0.15 cent down from Friday's close. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 153.5c nominal; Oct 156.0-7.5c; Dec, 155.5-4.5c; March, 152.5-3.5c; May, 152.5-5.0c; July, 152.5-6.5c; Oct, 151.0c bid; Dec, 150.0c bid. CROSSBRED.—Spot 82.5c nominal; Oct, 81.0-7.0c; Dec, 80.0-5.0c; March, 80.0-6.5c; May, 81.0c bid; July, 81.0c bid; Oct, 81.0c bid; Dec, 81.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Meal lost $3.20 to $0.50 helped down by export sales in Oct and Dec. Oil futures closed mixed, off 0.27 cent lb to up 0.25 cent with back months up on reverse crush. Buying and some liquidation of Meal/Oil spreads. SOYABEANS.—Sept, 615-16c; Nov, 624-20c; Jan, 630-31c; March, 640-41c; May, 646c; July, 648c; Aug, 648c.

SOYABEAN MEAL.—Sept, $149.00-9.50; Oct, $150.50-1.00; Dec, $155.50-6.00; Jan, $157.50-8.00; March, $161.60. SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept, 26.00-25.95c; Oct, 24.95-90c; Dec, 24.35-45c; Jan, 24.20c; March, 24.00c; May, 23.98c; July, 23.75-65c; Aug, 23.55-65c. SOYABEAN MEAL (New).—March, $158.00-9.00; May, $162.00-3.50; July, $167.00; $170.00-1.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS. Wheat closed easier seven to 3½ cents: 441-440c; Dec, 460-459; 472c; May, 475-475½c. MAIZE closed easy on lower. Sept, 320-319½c; 320c; March, 327½-327c; 330½c; July, 330-330½c; steady ¼ lower to ¼ cent; 173½c; Dec, 172½-1; 173¾c; May, 173½c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1048 ($2.1055); three months, $2.0881 ($2.1107); Canadian dollar, 96.76c (96.71c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was down .71 to 324.43. The futures index was up .03 to 309.56.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials 812.51 (811.76); transportation 155.24 (154.58); utilities (70.45); 65 stocks, 24 . New York Stock Exchange 45.27 (44.85); industrials (49.90); transportation (29.34); utilities . financial, 45.68 (45.07).

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. t Traded. y Unquoted

## Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

| $ STRAIGHTS | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| AIDC 10¼ 1981 | 101¼ | 102¼ |
| Airlease 8¾ 1988 | 80 | 85 |
| Ashland 8 1987 | 89½ | 90½ |
| BICC 7¾ 1987 | 68 | 71 |
| Bristol 8¾ 1979 | 91 | 95 |
| British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 | 79 | 82 |
| Burlington 7¾ 1987 | 90 | 91 |
| Carrier 8 1987 | 88½ | 89½ |
| Chevron 7 1980 | 96½ | 98 |
| Conoco 7 1980 | 97 | 98½ |
| Conoco 8 1986 | 95¼ | 96½ |
| Cons Food 7¾ 1991 | 84 | 85 |
| Coventry 8¾ 1981 | 91 | 95 |
| Coventry 8¾ 1980 | 88 | 90 |
| Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988 | 89¼ | 90¼ |
| Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Cutler Hammer 8 1987 | 91 | 92 |
| Dana 8 1987 | 89 | 90 |
| Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 | 81½ | 82½ |
| Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991 | 79 | 80 |
| Dundee 9¼ 1985 | 91 | 93 |
| Escom 9¼ 1989 | 88½ | 91½ |
| Escom Floating Rate 1982 | 98 | 99 |
| First Chicago 7 1980 | 94 | 95 |
| First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984 | 82 | 86 |
| GATX 8¾ 1987 | 89 | 90 |
| Guardian Royal 8 1987 | 73 | 76 |
| Hambros 7¾ 1987 | 77 | 80 |
| ICI 7¾ 1992 | 76 | 79 |
| International Util 8¾ 1982 | 92½ | 93½ |
| Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988 | 69 | 72 |
| Manchester 8¼ 1981 | 87 | 89 |
| Mexico 8¾ 1991 | 83 | 85 |
| Michelin 7½ 1988 | 82 | 83 |
| Mitsubishi 9 1989 | 96 | 98 |
| Motorola 8 1987 | 93 | 94 |
| Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987 | 76 | 78 |
| National Coal Board 8¾ 1988 | 79 | 82 |
| Nippon Fudosan 10¾ 1980 | 102 | 105 |
| NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987 | 90 | 91 |
| Occidental 7¾ 1984 | 84 | 86 |
| Pacific Lighting 8 1988 | 88½ | 89½ |
| Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981 | 100¼ | 101¼ |
| Pennwalt 8 1987 | 90 | 91 |
| Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987 | 91 | 92 |
| Scanraff 7¾ 1990 | 84½ | 85½ |
| Scanraff 8¾ 1988 | 96 | 97 |
| Shell 7¾ 1987 | 92½ | 93½ |
| Singer 11 1977 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981 | 103 | 104 |
| Slough 8 1988 | 61 | 65 |
| South Africa 8 1987 | 82 | 85 |
| Standard Oil 8¾ 1980 | 100¼ | 101¼ |
| Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 | 98 | 79 |
| Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 | 99 | 100 |
| Sybron 8 1987 | 89 | 90 |
| Tenneco 7¾ 1987 | 86 | 87 |
| Textron 7¾ 1987 | 82½ | 84½ |
| Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987 | 91 | 92 |
| Transocean Gulf 7 1980 | 96 | 97½ |
| Union Oil 7¾ 1987 | 91 | 92 |
| Venezuela 8¾ 1987 | 94½ | 95½ |
| Volvo 8 1987 | 85½ | 85½ |
| Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987 | 81 | 84 |
| DM BONDS | | |
| APEL (DM) 10 1981 | 104¼ | 105¼ |
| Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83 | 79½ | 80½ |
| Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84 | 84½ | 85½ |
| Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989 | 100½ | 101½ |
| Escom (DM) 7 1973/88 | 71½ | 72½ |
| Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87 | 89½ | 90½ |
| ICI (DM) 8 1971/86 | 93 | 94 |
| Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980 | 104½ | 105½ |
| Nat West (DM) 8 1988 | 91½ | 92½ |
| New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982 | 92½ | 93½ |
| Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85 | 99½ | 93½ |
| Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988 | 91 | 92 |

| $ CONVERTIBLES | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| AMF 5 1987 | 61 | 63 |
| American Express 4¼ '87 | 81 | 83 |
| Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992 | 88 | 90 |
| Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991 | 100 | 102 |
| Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993 | 89 | 91 |
| Borden 5 1992 | 84 | 86 |
| Borden 6¾ 1991 | 98 | 100 |
| Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987 | 74 | 76 |
| Carnation 4 1987 | 82 | 84 |
| Chevron 5 1992 | 92 | 94 |
| Cummins 6¾ 1986 | 80 | 82 |
| Dart 4¾ 1987 | 80 | 82 |
| Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988 | 107 | 109 |
| Economic Labs 4¾ 1987 | 74 | 76 |
| Eaton 5 1987 | 72 | 74 |
| Ford 5 1988 | 71 | 73 |
| Ford 6 1986 | 84 | 86 |
| Gillette 4¾ 1987 | 70 | 72 |
| Gould 5 1987 | 74 | 76 |
| General Electric 4¼ '87 | 80 | 82 |
| Halliburton 4¾ 1987 | 124 | 126 |
| Harris 5 1987 | 65 | 67 |
| Honeywell 6 1986 | 72 | 71 |
| ITT 4¾ 1987 | 67 | 69 |
| J Ray McDermott 4¾ '87 | 137 | 139 |
| JP Morgan 4¾ 1987 | 107 | 109 |
| Nabisco 5½ 1988 | 87 | 89 |
| Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987 | 87 | 89 |
| JC Penney 4¾ 1987 | 72 | 74 |
| Revlon 4¾ 1987 | 93 | 95 |
| Rank Org 4¾ 1995 | 40 | 42 |
| Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988 | 87 | 89 |
| Squibb 4¾ 1987 | 71 | 73 |
| Texaco 4¾ 1988 | 72 | 74 |
| Union Carbide 4¾ 1982 | 106 | 108 |
| Warner Lambert 4¾ '87 | 84 | 86 |
| Xerox Corp 5 1988 | 69 | 71 |

DM=Deutschmark issue

SOURCE: KIDDER, PEABODY SECURITIES, LONDON

## Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

*(Unit trust, insurance bond and offshore fund price tables — Authorised Unit Trusts from Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. onwards, Insurance Bonds and Funds, Offshore and International — not transcribed.)*

* Ex dividend. † Not available to the public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. d Ex divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

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## Stock Exchange prices

# Further gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Aug 22. Dealings End, Sept 5. § Contango Day, Sept 8. Settlement Day, Sept 16.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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### INSURANCE

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 19 | Bowring | 63 | .. | 3.2 | 5.0 | .. |
| 106 | 33 | Brentnall Beard | 53 | .. | 4.7 | 8.8 | 6.2 |
| 164 | 39 | Britannic | 126 | +2 | 10.8 | 8.5 | .. |
| 189 | 88 | Com Union | 157 | +4 | 10.4 | 6.6 | .. |
| 148 | 44 | Eagle Star | 125 | +5 | 7.1 | 5.7 | .. |
| 216 | 50 | Equity & Law | 154 | .. | 7.6 | 4.9 | .. |
| 175 | 62 | Gen Accident | 158 | +7 | 8.9 | 5.6 | .. |
| 220 | 84½ | Guardian Royal | 184 | +5 | 11.6b | 6.2 | .. |
| 184 | 48 | Hallord Shreat | 182 | .. | 8.5 | 4.7 | 11.4 |
| 232 | 78 | Heath C. E. | 220 | +3 | 9.4 | 4.3 | 10.4 |
| 156 | 40 | Hogg Robinson | 117 | +2 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 7.9 |
| 139 | 30 | Howden A | 126 | +5 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 14.3 |
| 180½ | 59½ | Legal & Gen | 118 | .. | 6.7b | 5.7 | .. |
| 129 | 33 | Leslie & Godwin | 97 | +3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 12.5 |
| 142 | 48 | London & Man | 105 | +3 | 6.5 | 6.2 | .. |
| 205 | 62 | Matthews W'son | 150 | +4 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 12.5 |
| 165½ | 44 | Minet Hldgs | 140 | +3 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 15.8 |
| 254 | 87 | Pearl | 206 | +4 | 14.3 | .. | .. |
| 228 | 103 | Phoenix | 200 | +5 | 12.7b | 6.2 | .. |
| 128 | 60 | Prov Life 'A' | 113 | .. | 9.4 | 8.3 | .. |
| 129 | 60 | Do A Br | 113 | .. | 9.4 | 8.3 | .. |
| 128 | 60 | Do B | 113 | .. | 9.4 | 8.3 | .. |
| 128 | 60 | Do B Br | 113 | .. | 9.4 | 8.3 | .. |
| 141½ | 60 | Prudential | 119 | +1 | 7.8b | 6.6 | .. |
| 300 | 110 | Refuge 'A' | 195 | .. | 18.7 | 9.6 | .. |
| 160 | 48 | Do B | 99 | +2 | 9.3 | 9.5 | .. |
| 336 | 120 | Royal | 302 | +3 | 19.8 | 6.5 | .. |
| 265 | 93 | Sedg Forbes | 230 | +8 | 12.0b | 5.2 | 17.8 |
| 122 | 27 | Stenhouse | 71 | .. | 4.4 | 6.3 | 4.3 |
| 445½ | 207½ | Sun Alliance | 405 | +5 | 23.7b | 5.8 | .. |
| 91 | 31 | Sun Life | 78 | -1 | 3.9 | 5.0 | .. |
| 186 | 78 | Trade Indem'ty | 130 | .. | 9.9 | 7.6 | .. |

### OIL

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59½ | 32½ | Ampol Pet | 79 | .. | 2.9 | 7.4 | 10.5 |
| 91 | 53 | Attock | 56 | .. | 6.3e | 11.2 | 12.7 |
| 151 | 70 | Berry Wiggins | 72 | +4 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 25.5 |
| 150 | 66 | Brit Borneo | 142 | +2 | 7.8 | 5.5 | 18.7 |
| 564 | 191 | BP | 528 | +8 | 29.2 | 4.4 | 7.8 |
| 408 | 27 | Burmah Oil | 28 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 29 | 11½ | C F Petroles | £23 | +¼ | 102 | 4.2 | 7.3 |
| 106 | 32 | Oil Exploration | 82 | 1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 12.2 |
| 19½ | 7 | Premier Cons | 17 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 30½ | 8 | Ranger Oil | £12½ | +¼ | .. | .. | .. |
| 71 | 14½ | Royal Dutch | £17¼ | +¼ | 140 | 8.0 | 1.9 |
| 238 | 118 | Shell | 238 | +7 | 17.7 | 9.7 | 4.7 |
| 126½ | 17½ | Tricentrol | 44 | +1 | .. | .. | 12.3 |
| 240 | 64 | Ultramar | 195 | +1 | .. | .. | 4.3 |

### TEA

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | 50 | Assam Frontier | 86 | .. | 10.0 | 11.6 | .. |
| 54 | 28 | Assam Inv | 43 | .. | 4.6 | 10.7 | .. |
| 48 | 27 | Camellia Inv | 46 | .. | 2.2 | 4.9 | .. |
| 58 | 20 | Clairmace | 56 | .. | 9.2 | 14.5 | .. |
| 112 | 76 | Crosby Hse | 111 | .. | 13.1 | 11.8 | .. |
| 32 | 12 | Deundi | 19 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 130 | 130 | Doolahat | 130 | f | 5.0 | 3.8 | .. |
| 120 | 65 | Jokai | 117 | .. | 10.7b | 9.3 | .. |
| 150 | 48 | McLeod Russel | 72 | .. | 9.2b | 12.8 | .. |
| 98 | 50 | Moran | 98 | .. | 8.1 | 8.3 | .. |
| 31 | 23 | Ouvah Highlds | 30 | .. | 2.2 | 7.3 | .. |
| 44 | 22 | Peacock Swimt | 32 | .. | 3.8 | 12.0 | .. |
| 28 | 18 | Shin India | 24 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 25 | 14 | Surmah Valley | 16 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 100 | 58 | Warren Tea | 65 | .. | 9.1 | 14.0 | .. |
| 45 | 20 | Western Dooars | 43 | .. | 6.0 | 13.9 | .. |
| 80 | 58 | Williamson Hldgs | 64 | .. | 6.9 | 10.9 | .. |

### SHIPPING

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 95 | 60 | Fisher J. | 80 | .. | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 250 | 103 | Furness Withy | 214 | +1 | 9.4 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| 160 | 43 | Hill C Bristol | 60 | .. | 4.0 | 6.7 | .. |
| 210 | 75 | Hunting Gibson | 170 | -3 | 13.9 | 8.2 | 2.2 |
| 42½ | 11½ | Jacobs J. I | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 68½ | 17 | Ldn & O'seas Fr | 28½ | .. | 5.0 | 17.4 | 1.9 |
| 198 | 27 | Manch Liners | 175 | .. | 7.5 | 3.8 | 5.3 |
| 121 | 30 | Ocean Trans | 94 | +2 | 9.5e | 10.1 | 6.2 |
| 134 | 57 | P & O Dfd | 82 | +1 | 8.1 | 9.8 | .. |
| 115 | 58 | Runciman W | 93 | .. | 8.7b | 9.3 | 3.9 |

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| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11¼ | 5¾ | Algoma Cen Rly | £9¼ | +¼ | 26.0 | 2.7 | 13.2 |
| 20 | 5 | Antofagasta | £10½ | .. | .. | .. | 6.2 |
| 45 | 12 | Calcutta Elec | 21 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 50 | 34 | E Surrey W 7% | £42½ | .. | 700 | 16.5 | .. |
| 33½ | 29½ | Essex Wtr 5% | £29½ | .. | 500 | 16.9 | .. |
| 202 | 46 | Felixstowe Dock | 76 | .. | 2.7 | 3.6 | 9.7 |
| 385 | 100 | Imp Cont Gas | 363 | +3 | 10.4 | 2.9 | 22.7 |
| 430 | 310 | LRT Hldgs | 120 | h | 3.1 | 2.6 | .. |
| 35½ | 25 | Mid Kent Wtr | £30½ | .. | 500 | 16.4 | .. |
| 132 | 36 | Milford Docks | 60 | .. | .. | .. | 11.3 |
| 125 | 58 | Nigerian Elec | 125 | +23 | 11.8 | 9.4 | .. |
| 385 | 230 | Perak Rvr Hydro | 368 | .. | 24.6 | 6.7 | 13.3 |
| 35½ | 25 | Sunderlnd Wtr | £31½ | .. | 500 | 15.9 | .. |

* Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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The Times Share Indices for 26.08.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2 1959):—

| | Index No. Latest | Div. Yield % | Earnings Yield % | Index No. Previous |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Times Industrial Share Index | 133.86 | 7.39 | 16.26 | 131.69 |
| Largest Coys. | 134.60 | 6.84 | 15.50 | 132.76 |
| Smaller Coys. | 131.47 | 8.45 | 16.13 | 128.25 |
| Capital Goods | 129.34 | 8.14 | 17.97 | 127.05 |
| Consumer Goods | 153.42 | 7.17 | 12.94 | 151.26 |
| Store Shares | 123.27 | 7.70 | 7.79 | 120.77 |
| Largest financial shares | 172.41 | 5.77 | — | 168.52 |
| Largest financial and industrial shares | 141.80 | 6.72 | — | 137.37 |
| Commodity shares | 229.12 | 4.41 | 12.73 | 224.37 |
| Gold Mining shares | 565.31 | 5.35 | 5.35 | 607.57 |
| Industrial debenture stocks | 78.46 | 7.88* | — | 78.38 |
| Industrial preference stocks | 51.15 | 14.29* | — | 51.02 |
| 3½% War Loan | 25½ | 14.08* | — | 25¼ |

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

| | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| All-time | 193.41 (15.08.72) | 60.18 (12.12.74) |
| 1975 | 150.16 (05.06.75) | 61.42 (08.01.75) |
| 1974 | 136.18 (25.02.74) | 60.18 (12.12.74) |
| 1973 | 180.33 (12.01.73) | 120.89 (14.12.73) |
| 1972 | 193.41 (15.08.72) | 174.48 (10.01.72) |
| 1971 | 174.77 (31.12.71) | 122.23 (02.03.71) |
| 1970 | 145.78 (14.01.70) | 110.75 (26.05.70) |

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Sailing, riding, pony-trekking or fishing, are relatively well-known ideas. But there are a number of more off-beat activities that can be pursued at weekends and on holiday courses, many of which have the virtue of providing the necessary equipment. It is a foolish man who buys a hot-air balloon for example, before deciding if he likes the sport.

Britain has in fact become one of the major centres for hot-air ballooning. It costs about £2,000 to buy your own balloon, but most are owned by syndicates of between four and 10 people. There are also several clubs, and provided one is over 17 and passes a medical examination, one can learn to qualify for a solo licence.

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Then there is grass-skiing, introduced into England about five years ago. There are two permanent sites where instruction and hire is available, at the Lake District Leisure Pursuits Centre, Limefitt, Windermere and the Northumbrian Adventure Centre at Allenheads Lodge, Northumberland.

It is a sport that originated in Germany, and is claimed to provide very similar sensations to snow skiing. One glides down a grassy slope at up to 50 mph, and can race round slalom poles. Although boots and sticks are the same as in conventional skiing, the difference is in the skis themselves. The German type have caterpillar tracks like tiny tanks, and the British variety, costing some £20 less at about £25, run on large plastic rollers.

These two centres offer year-round adventure holidays with special facilities for unaccompanied children. It is possible to dabble in several activities at once, including sailing, canoeing, water-skiing, orienteering, rock-climbing and pony-trekking.

Water-skiing is mostly taught in the Lake District and on the south-west coast; all-in holidays include the cost of the water-skis, tow-ropes, wet-suits and life jackets, which are essential. Bournemouth Action Holidays, for example, organize holidays for people between 18 and 35, staying in hotels. The Brett Marine Club, Lydd, Kent, have five-day courses for nine-year-olds upwards, from May to October. In the Lake District, Storrs Hall Hotel, Windermere, offers one-week courses for beginners over 17, from June to September.

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## BBC 2

10.35 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25, Play School.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 A Taste of Britain: The East End of London.
8.10 The Ascent of Man, by J. Bronowski, part 13: The Long Childhood.
9.00 The Accursed Kings, episode 3: The Poisoned Crown.
10.40 News.
11.10-11.15, Robert Gladwell reads today. This Insect, by Dylan Thomas.

## Granada

10.30 am, Sesame Street. 11.25, Robinson Crusoe. 12.10 pm, Around the World in 80 Days. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Take Kerr. 1.30, Thames. 3.30, Shanpon's Mob. 4.25, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.05, There Was This Fella. 6.30, The Protectors. 7.00, Thames. 8.00, Film: Billion Dollar Brain, with Michael Caine. 10.00, Thames. 11.00, The Baron. 11.55-12.25 am, Inner Space.

## HTV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20 West Headlines. 12.45, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Galloping Gourmet. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, Riptide. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Mr and Mrs. 7.00, Thames. 8.00, Film: The Double Man, with Yul Brynner. Brin Eckland, Clive Revill. 9.55, Gustavus. 10.00, Thames. 11.00, Gilbert and Sullivan, The Pirates of Penzance. 11.50, Weather. HTV CYMRU WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawadan Newydd. 4.25, Mirl Mwy. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

## Westward

11.50 am, Carins for History. 12.15 pm, Tomfoolery Show. 12.38, Gus Honeybun. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film. The City, with Anthony Quinn. 9.50, Vision USA. 10.00, Thames. 11.00, Westward. 10.03, ATV. 11.25, Faith for Life.

## Anglia

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, House party. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, ATV. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Arthur. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film, Lost Flight. 10.00, Thames. 11.00, Oscar Peterson Presents. 11.30, The Big Question.

## Scottish

11.55 am, Man and His World. 12.05 pm, Alphabet Soup. 12.23, Professor Balthazar. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Edgar Wallace, Accidental Death.* 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Bebar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Report. 6.25, Film: Arrange Kelly, Golden, Richard Widmark. 11.00-11.30, Point Place.

## Thames

10.25 am, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 10.45, Film, Go Man Go!, with Dane Clark, Sidney Poitier, Patricia Breslin.* 12.05 pm, Bush Boy. 12.30, Sally and Jake. 12.40, Mr Trimble. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Mr and Mrs. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, The Disappearing World. 3.30, The Saint.* 4.25, Michael Bentine. 4.50, Going a Bundle. 5.20, The Brady Bunch.
5.50 News.
6.00 Servants of the City: About the Lord Mayor's Show.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machine: Sir George Cayley.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Film: Dayton's Devils, with Rory Calhoun, Leslie Nielsen.
10.00 News.
10.30 About Britain: In Constable's Country.
11.00 Barnaby Jones.
11.55 Just Bricks and Mortar?

## Tyne Tees

12.35 pm, Starting Point. 12.40, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Around the World in 80 Days. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.00, Kenneth McKellar. 11.30, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

## ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime News. 1.30, Thames. 3.30, Boney. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film: D-Day, the Sixth of June, with Robert Taylor, Richard Todd, Dana Wynter. 10.00, Thames. 11.00, Night Gallery. 12.00, Barrie Cooke.

## Southern

11.05 am, Sights and Sounds of Africa. 11.30, The 1,000th Chance. 11.45, Japan. 12.05 pm, Skippy. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.30, Department S. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.00, Love They Neighbour. 8.30, Comedy Premiere: The Truth about Verity. 9.00, Hawaii Five-O. 10.00, News. 10.30, Film: The Pround and the Damned, with Chuck Connors, Aron Kincaid, Cesar Romero. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.25, Weather. Guideline.

# Radio

6.00 am, News. Colin Berry. † 7.00, Paul Burnett. 8.00, Tony Blackburn. 11.00, Noel Edmonds. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Johnnie Walker. 2.02, David Hamilton. † 5.00, Newsbeat. 6.15, Alan Dell's Nightingale. 7.02, Lucky 13! 7.32, Now the West was Sung. † 8.02, Bob Wharton's Country Club. † 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.07, Jean Challis. † 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Jean Challis. † 12.31, News Summary. † Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. † 8.27, Racing Bulletin. † 9.02, Pete Murray. † 10.30, Waggoners' Walk. 11.30, Jimmy Young. † 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa. † 8.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Wagner, Bronsart, Adam. † 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice: Part 2, Haydn, Bartok, Janacek. † 9.00, News. 9.05, Beethoven. † 9.50, Music for Organ: Bach. Party. Viterpi. † 10.20, Ives's Violin Sonatas. † 11.00, Edinburgh Festival Concert: Part 1, Handel, Haydn, Torelli. 11.55, Festival Comment. 12.10 pm, Concert: Part 2, Szymanski, Haydn. 1.00, News. 1.05, Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra: Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Roussel. † 2.00, In Short. 2.10, Beethoven. † 2.40, Fauré. 3.30, New Records: Stravinsky, Mozart. † 4.30, Alfreda Hodgson Sings Wolf. † 5.00, Choral Evensong from Chichester Cathedral. 5.45, Hopeward Bound. † 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, A Stranger Abroad. 7.00, More Poetry at Large. 7.30, Prom: Part 1, Beethoven, Haydn. † 8.15, The Arts Worldwide. 8.30, Prom: Part 2, Schubert. † 9.30, Scientifically Speaking: The Moon. 10.15, Early and Late Hindemith: Part 1. † 10.40, Reading. 10.45, Hindemith: Part 2. † 11.25, 11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.05, Your Letters. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Good Morning Everyone: The Dream. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Parents and Children. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Round Britain Quiz. 11.30, Play: When the Singing Has to Stop. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1975, Final. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Very Lonely Woman. 4.00, News. 4.05, Channel Swim One. 4.35, Story Time: The Nightcomers. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?: I'll Never Forget Whatshisname. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, What Do, Jeeves. 8.15, The Joke Book of Presidents. Lyndon Johnson. 8.30, All the Queen's Men (new series): part 1, The Just Steward. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.55, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Power-House. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Two Tanks, Two Professionalism in Sport, and the Losses and Gains Involved. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.

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**ABRAHAMS.**—On August 21, at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Myra (nee Smales) and Dr Royce Abrahams—a daughter (Laura Geraldine).

**BAILEY.**—On August 22nd in Stockholm to Carol (nee Banbury) and Christopher Bailey—a daughter (Emma-Jane).

**BELL.**—On 25th August to Jane wife of Charles Bell—a daughter.

**DEARLOVE.**—On August 20, to Carol (nee Hetherington) and John—a daughter (Emma Louise), sister for Mark and Anna.

**FOSTER.**—On August 25th at West Middlesex Hospital, to Jenny (nee Tee) and John Foster—a son (Nicholas James).

**FOXCROFT.**—On 22nd August, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Rosemary (nee Butt) and Robert—a son (Thomas Sebastian Butt), brother for Hannah.

**GIBSON.**—On Saturday, 16th August, to Derwent and Theresa Gibson, of White Hemmels, Riding Mill, Northumberland—a son (Samuel).

**HANBY.**—On August 19 at Stirling Royal Infirmary, to Heather (nee White) and Victor—a son, James Elliot Piers.

**HEENAN.**—On August 25th, to Vivienne and Duncan—a son (Thomas Brice).

**JUDAH.**—On 24th August, to Phoebe (nee Grant) and Nigel—a second daughter (Hannah Katherine).

**LITCHFIELD.**—On 23rd August, at Queen Charlotte's, W.6, to Mark and Marcia—a daughter, a sister for Vasco.

**MILES.**—On August 24th, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Annabel (nee Blandy) and Martin—a daughter (Fiona Margaret), a sister for Zara and Julia.

**NEWCOMBE.**—August 11th, 1975, to Margaret (nee Fisher) and Ben, of Colla House Hotel, Schull, Co. Cork—a daughter (Kathleen Grainne).

**PETERS.**—On 22nd August, 1975, at Queen Mary Maternity Home, Edinburgh, to Gillian, wife of Colin Peters—a son.

**READER.**—On August 19th, in Hongkong, to Stephen and Roseane Reader—a son (Nicholas Alexander).

**WEBSTER.**—On 18th August, at Queen Charlotte's, to Leslie and Ian—a son (Thomas Matthew), a brother for Harriet.

## MARRIAGES

**HINCKS : MITCHELL.**—On 23rd August, at All Saints' Church, Ottawa, Ontario, Alan Vernon Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Hincks, of Ottawa, Ontario, to Marnie Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs. A. B. Mitchell, of Edmonton, Alberta.

**MacARTHUR : TRAHAIR.** — On August 22nd, in London, Brian MacArthur, of 1 Allingham Street, London, N.1, only son of Mrs. M. MacArthur to Bridget Trahair, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. N. R. Trahair, of Thorn House, Wembury, Plymouth.

## DEATHS

**AGATE.**—On August 25th, suddenly in a motor accident, Mary, of Church Farm, Hulcote. Funeral arrangements later.

**ANDREAE.**—On August 23rd, 1975, peacefully amongst all his family on holiday at Sandbanks, Edward Philip, PhD., aged 95, of Tandridge Court, Oxted, Surrey. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Tandridge, on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 3.30 p.m.

**BALDWIN.**—On August 26th, peacefully at his home, The Old Vicarage, East Garston, Berkshire, after a long illness, Robert Maurice Baldwin, in his 79th year, a much-loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held in All Saints Church, East Garston, on Thurs., 4th September, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

**BLACKBURNE.**—On August 24th, 1975, Constance (nee van Gruisen) in her 90th year. Wife of the late Rev. E. V. Blackburne, of Matlock, Derbyshire. Cremation at Amersham, August 29th, 2.30 p.m.

**CAMERON.**—On August 24th, peacefully, at Cranleigh Cottage Hospital, Surrey, Lottie Limbrey, of Dolphins, Roman Landing, West Wittering, Sussex, widow of Dr. Donald Cameron, of Cranleigh. Funeral (private) at Chichester Crematorium.

**CHAPPELL.**—On August 23, 1975, Vera Chappell of Cambridge Gardens, London, sister of Kundry Cummins and mother of Brian.

**COLES.**—On 23rd August, 1975, Gordon Robert, of Ballymena, formerly of St. Albans, much loved husband of Georgie, father of Diana, Derek and Robert. Service and committal on Friday, 29th August at Manchester Crematorium, at 3.45 p.m.

**CORNISH.**—On 24th August, 1975, peacefully in London, Hilda Cornish (nee Lang-Anderson) of Glenstrae, Connel, Scotland, widow of James Easton Cornish of Alexandria, Egypt. Service St. Jude's Church, Courtfield Gardens, S.W.5, Wednesday, September 3rd at 2.30 p.m. No flowers please.

**COXON.**—On August 23rd, 1975, suddenly at her home, Rocmarling, Udimore, Rye, Olwen Frances, beloved wife of the late Rowland A. M. Coxon, R.A., retired, lovingly remembered by her sister, Ena Grant, her daughters, Margaret Allen, and Jennifer Bentley, and her grandchildren. Funeral at St. Mary's, Udimore, on Thursday, August 28th, at 2.30. If desired, gifts to the British Red Cross, Rye, instead of flowers. John 3-16.

**DAUNT.**—On 22nd August, 1975, Miss Marjorie Daunt, aged 86, in nursing home. Private cremation. No flowers. Late Reader in English Language, Birkbeck College, University of London and of Vaughan College, Leicester.

**DENTON.**—On August 23, peacefully, at Kelling Hospital, Norman C., beloved brother of Geoffrey, aged 81 years. Cremation, Friday, August 29 at St. Faith's Crematorium at 11 a.m. Flowers to Fox's Funeral Service, 10 Canada Road, Cromer, Norfolk.

**ELLISON.**—On 22nd August, peacefully in hospital, John, of Eaton Place, Brighton. Cremation service private, at The Downs Crematorium, on Thursday, at 4.15 p.m. Flowers, please, to 29 College Place, Brighton.

**EVERARD.**—On August 26th, at Guy's Hospital, Penelope Baker, J.P., beloved wife of Frederick. Funeral service 11.30 a.m., 29th August, at St. Nicholas Church, Southfleet. Flowers to Frost, Swanscombe.

**FENTER.**—On 22nd August, at Sutton Coldfield Nursing Home, aged 91, George Henry, beloved husband of the late Lily Grace and dearly loved brother, father and grandfather. Memorial service at Six Ways Baptist Church, Erdington, on Monday, 1st September, at 11.45 a.m. Flowers to A. Hazell & Sons, Funeral Directors, Erdington.

**GARDNER.**—On 22nd August, George William Hoggan, K.B.E., C.B., D.Sc., F.R.Ae.S., of The Lawn, Farnborough, Hampshire, husband of Helen, and father of Judith Mary Boyd and Felicity Richardson. Cremation at 11 o'clock, on Thursday, 28th August at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot. Flowers to Finch & Son, Aldershot, or, if preferred donations to the Benevolent Association, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. Date of memorial service in London to be announced later.

**GOATLY.**—On August 26th, at Jacketts Hollow, Fernhurst, suddenly while on holiday from Salisbury, Rhodesia, Peter, beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Nick and Martin and father-in-law of Barbie. Funeral private.

**GOODWIN.** Captain, J. A.—At 17 Hanover Terrace, London on 25th August, peacefully. Beloved husband of Louise and father of Marcia. Cremation, Friday, 29th August, at 2 p.m., at Marylebone Crematorium. Flowers to Garstin and Sons, Ltd., 51 Marylebone High St., W.1.

**HARRISON.**—On August 23, suddenly at Swangleys Farm, Knebworth, Dr. John Allan O.B.E., M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., aged 66, dearly loved brother and uncle. Funeral at Garston Crematorium, Watford at 3 p.m., Friday, August 29. Flowers to Chenery, 85 High St., Stevenage. No letters, please.

**HINGSTON, FREDA.**—On Sunday, 24th August, 1975, peacefully at Q.A.M.H., Millbank, Winifred Huntly, aged 80, widow of Lt.-Col. Alan Hingston, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service 10 o'clock, Friday, 29th August, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Twickenham, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to The National Trust.

**HODGSON.**—On Sunday, 24th August, very suddenly, at Laundry House, Bowhill, Selkirk (the home of his brother-in-law), John Robert Hodgson, 4 Holbein Mews, Sloane Street, London, beloved husband of Annee K. Rayn. Funeral service at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh Cloister Chapel, today, Wednesday, 27 August at 1.45 p.m., to which all friends are invited.

**HUNTLEY, HERBERT EDWIN**, of Hutton, Weston-super-Mare, formerly Professor of Physics, University of Ghana, died peacefully on 19th August, aged 82 years.

**INGRAMS, PETER JOHN.**—On August 8th climbing in Ecuador, beloved husband of Kate and brother of Richard and Leonard. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More on September 4th at 11 a.m.

**JOHNS.**—On 24 August, 1975, Ethel Alice, of 27 The Fairway, Loansdene, Morpeth, Northumberland, widow of Eng. Capt. J. P. Johns, R.N., retired, and mother of Christopher. Service at Newcastle Crematorium, on Thurs. 12.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to John Bardgett & Sons, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

**KER, HARI (FRCS).**—On August 20, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Nicholas, Susan, Louise and Paula, was tragically drowned while on holiday in France. Funeral took place in France.

**KEW.**—On Sunday 24th August, Nellie Louisa (Kay) Kew, aged 55. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research Fund.

**LAYNG, FRANCIS MARY, M.B.E.**—Beloved wife of Bill, mother of Sally, grandmother of Nicholas and Francesca, on August 24th after a long illness courageously borne. Funeral at St. Andrew's 29th August, at 2 p.m., followed Church, Ham Common, on Friday, by cremation at Kingston Crematorium. No letters, please, but flowers may be sent to Farebrother & Co. Ltd., 21 London Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, by 12.30 p.m.

**LUCAS, MADELINE.**—On August 24, aged 91, at Greatham, last surviving child of Wilfrid and Alice Meynell, widow of Perceval Lucas, who was killed on the Somme in 1916, mother of Sylvia Mulvey, Christian Hardie and Barbara Wall. Most loving and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother. R.I.P. Funeral private.

**LUDLOW.**—On August 25, 1975, peacefully at St. George's Hospital S.W.1, aged 80, Katharine Guthrie (Lady) Ludlow, widow of Sir Richard (Dick) Ludlow, much loved by all the family. Funeral Service at 12.30 p.m. at the United Reform Church, Speer Road, Thames Ditton, followed by a private cremation. Enquiries: Messrs Paines of Esher, Tel. 78 64021.

**MARTIN.**—On August 22nd, Margaret Isabel Brooks, suddenly at her home in Chester. Funeral Chester Crematorium, 3.30 p.m. Thursday, August 28th.

**MATHESON.**—On 24th August, 1975, at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Millbank, after a short illness, Colonel Bertram Heylin Matheson, M.C. (The Matheson), Head of his Clan. Funeral arrangements private. Letters and enquiries to C. W. Rippon, Lloyds Bank Chambers, Eastbourne BN21 3AG.

**MUTTLEBURY.**—On August 24, 1975, at his home in Yorkshire, Peter George Stanley Muttlebury, husband of Gillian and father of Edward. No flowers, please, but if wished donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

**PRENTICE.**—On August 25th, peacefully at Rock Cottage, Fleagill, Westmorland, Phyllis Upson, aged 85, widow of Dr. J. S. Prentice, and loving mother of her son John.

**PRESTON-JONES.** — On 24th August, Esmee Theodora, of 20 Kingsclere Park, Camberley, wife of the late Lt. Col. G. F. Preston-Jones, R.I.A.S.C., and beloved mother of Geoffrey, Roger and Pamela. Cremation at East Hampstead Park Crematorium, Crowthorne, at noon on 29th August. No flowers, but donations may be sent to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 199 Sloane Street, London, S.W.1.

**REAKES.**—On August 25th, 1975, peacefully in a Nursing Home, Gilbert Spofforth (Priest), of Cottage 13, Headbourne Worthy House, Winchester, late of St. Paul's Deptford 1912, St. Anne's Wandsworth 1917, St. Peter's Walworth, 1924, All Saints Battersea 1937, Chaldon 1950, St. Ambrose Bournemouth 1957. Funeral service at St. Swithun Church, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester, Friday, August 29th, at 1.45 p.m. No flowers, but donations to U.S.P.G., Tufton St., S.W.1.

**RHYS-JONES.**—On August 25th, peacefully, at Nutbourne Manor, Pulborough, John (Jonah), beloved husband of Mary. Cremation private. Memorial service at St. Mary's Church, West Chiltington, Friday, August 29th, at 4 p.m.

**ROE.**—On August 21st, 1975, in the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, Maud Mary, wife of the late William John Roe and a dearly loved mother and grandmother. Cremation in Guernsey. Memorial service at St. Peter's Church, Sark, on Wednesday, August 27th, at 2.30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donation may be sent to the St. John Ambulance, Rohais, Guernsey.

**SHILLINGTON.**—On August 21st at her home, Melmore, Craigavad, Co. Down, Hilda Mary (Holly), widow of Lt.-Col. J. G. Shillington.

**SHIPMAN.**—On 25th August, 1975, at Fairlawns Nursing Home, Woodhall Spa, Dorothy Louisa, of 4 Harrowby Lane, Grantham, aged 83 years. Funeral service at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, on Tuesday, 2nd September, at 2.15 p.m., followed by burial at Grantham Cemetery.

**TROWBRIDGE.**—On 24th August, 1975, suddenly at his home, William Charles Trowbridge, J.P., beloved husband of Olwen and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Trowbridge, Lindum House, Caernarvon.

**TWEEDIE.**—On August 25th 1975, at Folkestone, after a long illness, Major James Moore Tweedie (late R.A.S.C.), aged 91 years, loved husband of Muriel. Funeral service Holy Trinity Church, Folkestone, on Friday August 29th at 11.00 a.m. followed by cremation at Hawkinge. No flowers by request.

**UPTON.**—On August 24th at a nursing home at Walmer, Gerald Fox, husband of the late Bobbie and father of David. Cremation private.

**VACHELL.**—On August 26th, at St. Winifred's Hospital, Cardiff, after prolonged illness, Sylvia Vachell C.B.E., daughter of the late Charles Tanfield Vachell M.D., and Winifred Vachell. Funeral Monday, 1st September, at 2 p.m., St. John's Church, Cardiff.

**WALLACE** of Candacraig.—On 25 August, 1975, at Candacraig, Eileen Mary Wallace of Candacraig, Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, beloved wife of Alexander Wallace of Candacraig and dear mother of Jane, Harriett and Falconer. Funeral private, family only. Memorial Service Strathdon Kirk, 2.30 Thurs., 11 September.

**WILLCOX-JONES : FURBANK.**—On August 9th, quietly at St. Stephen's Church, Bush Hill Park, Arthur Willcox-Jones of Edinburgh to Dorothy Furbank of Enfield.

**WURR.**—On 25th August, 1975, after a long illness courageously and cheerfully borne, David Pelham (Bill) Wurr, aged 54 years, of 35 Westfield Rd., Bishop's Stortford, Herts, dear husband of Hilda and Dad to Nick. Senior Probation Officer, Enfield. Cremation private. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middx.

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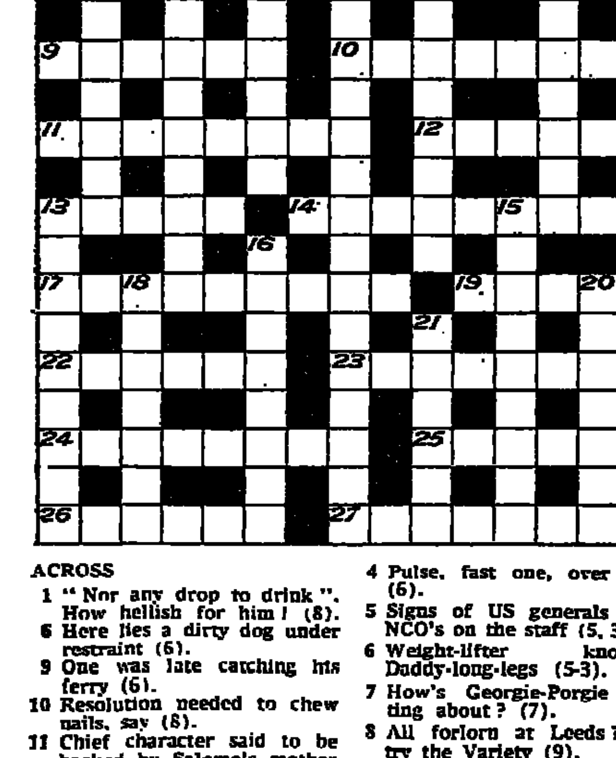
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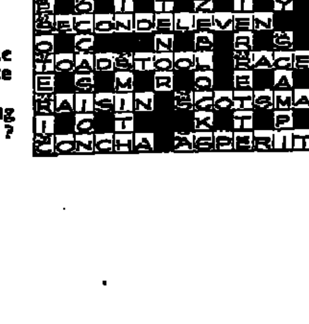
**ACROSS**

1 "Nor any drop to drink". How hellish for him! (8).
6 Here lies a dirty dog under restraint (6).
9 One was late catching his ferry (6).
10 Resolution needed to chew nails, say (8).
11 Chief character said to be backed by Salome's mother (8).
12 Slip back about one for secret observation (6).
13 Patient recipient of the unworthy's spurns (*Hamlet*) (5).
14 Attack ought to include the Poles there in France (9).
17 As such, Jack should be no dullard (9).
19 The way the river returns to the mount (5).
22 Bill enters in race, suffering no damage (6).
23 Scholar in corner maybe—one who tells stories (8).
24 The Friar's Dance being Bunter's Mecca? (4-4).
25 Though with clerical wear put on tie back to front (6).
26 Troubles with the skin growing green? (6).
27 Ending tricky case in certain circumstances (8).

**DOWN**

2 Swimmer possibly to bathe topless without hindrance (7).
3 Jacobin policy—guillotining shows how wrong it was? (9).
4 Pulse, fast one, over fifty (6).
5 Signs of US generals with NCO's on the staff (5, 3, 7).
6 Weight-lifter knowing Daddy-long-legs (5-3).
7 How's Georgie-Porgie getting about? (7).
8 All forlorn at Leeds? Do try the Variety (9).
13 Yuletide clue for "New Testament" (3-6).
15 Impossible to decimalize? Must be dropped (9).
16 Simon Templar suffers from fleas in his knitwear (8).
18 Roman scholar looks Athenian to us (7).
20 The numbers include Lycidas and Thyrsis (7).
21 Frenchman's odd damage (6).

**Solution of Puzzle No 14,082**



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Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 29th day of July 1975, presented to the said Court by L. & G. Fire Appliance Company Limited whose registered office is at 235, Romford Road, E.15 in the London Borough of Newham fire protection engineers, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 13th day of October 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
MITCHELLS, 1/6 Romford Road, Stratford, London E.15. Solicitors for the Petitioner.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 10th day of October 1975.

In the Matter of LINDSAY HOMES Limited.
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Dated this 20th day of August 1975.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSING ACT 1964
To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of South Westminster
To the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis
To the Clerk to the Rating Authority of the City of Westminster
To the Authority discharging the function of fire authority namely the Greater London Council
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